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**[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON
SEPTEMBER 2, 2003, BEGINS ON PAGE 134.]**

SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: WE COULD ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE STAND. THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY FATHER GARY KLAUER, OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH OF HERMOSA BEACH FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT, AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY SOL MARSHALL, PAST COMMANDER OF THE LOS ANGELES DISTRICT COUNCIL, JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT.

FATHER GARY KLAUER: I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN WITH A QUOTE FROM ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ROMERO, WHO OFFERS A REFLECTION THAT APPLIES TO BOTH CIVIC AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS. WE ACCOMPLISH IN OUR LIFETIME ONLY A TINY FRACTION OF THE MAGNIFICENT ENTERPRISE THAT IS GOD'S WORK. WE PLANT SEEDS THAT ONE DAY WILL GROW. WE LAY FOUNDATIONS THAT WILL NEED FURTHER DEVELOPMENT. WE CANNOT DO EVERYTHING, AND THERE IS A SENSE OF LIBERATION IN REALIZING THAT. THIS ENABLES US TO DO SOMETHING, AND TO DO IT VERY WELL. IT MAY BE INCOMPLETE, BUT IT IS THE BEGINNING, A STEP ALONG THE WAY, AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GOD'S GRACE TO ENTER AND DO THE REST. WE MAY NEVER SEE THE END RESULTS, BUT THAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE MASTER BUILDER AND THE WORKER. WE ARE WORKERS, NOT MASTER BUILDERS; WE ARE PROPHETS OF A FUTURE NOT



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1 OUR OWN. DEAR GOD, SEND YOUR BLESSINGS ON THESE CIVIC LEADERS
2 WHO GENEROUSLY DEVOTE THEMSELVES TO HELPING OTHERS. WHEN THEY
3 ARE CALLED ON IN TIME OF NEED, LET THEM FAITHFULLY SERVE YOU
4 AND ALL THEIR BROTHERS AND SISTERS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES
5 COUNTY. AMEN.

6

7 **SOL H. MARSHALL:** PLACE YOUR HAND OVER YOUR HEART, AND JOIN ME
8 IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG. [PLEDGE OF
9 ALLEGIANCE]

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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13 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
14 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO WELCOME FATHER GARY
15 KLAUER AND TO PRESENT HIM WITH A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION
16 FOR TAKING TIME OUT OF HIS SCHEDULE TO BE HERE WITH US TODAY
17 TO LEAD US IN THE INVOCATION. FATHER KLAUER IS PASTOR OF OUR
18 LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH IN HERMOSA BEACH. HE WAS BORN IN LOS
19 ANGELES, THEN RAISED IN TORRANCE. HE COMPLETED HIS
20 UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE AT LOYOLA UNIVERSITY, CHICAGO, AND THEN
21 RECEIVED HIS MASTER'S OF DIVINITY FROM SAINT MICHAEL'S COLLEGE
22 AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO. HE WAS ORDAINED A FRANCISCAN
23 PRIEST IN 1975, AND PRIOR TO HIS CURRENT ASSIGNMENT HE TAUGHT
24 AT BISHOP MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL AND SERVED AS CHAPLAIN OF
25 LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY HOSPITAL IN TORRANCE AND I WAS ALSO



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1 INFORMED EARLIER THAT HE ALSO WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL WITH ONE OF
2 MY STAFF MEMBERS, MR. TOM MARK. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, WE WERE LED IN THE PLEDGE OF
5 ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING -- THIS AFTERNOON BY SOL MARSHALL, WHO
6 NOW RESIDES IN PANORAMA CITY, FORMERLY OF THE FAIRFAX AREA,
7 WHERE I FIRST CAMPAIGNED AT YOUR FRONT DOOR, I THINK. AND SOL
8 IS REPRESENTING THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES,
9 THE LOS ANGELES DISTRICT COUNCIL. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED
10 STATES ARMY FROM 1942 TO '46, IN THE EUROPEAN THEATER, AND
11 SUPREME HEADQUARTERS OF THE ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCES. HE'S
12 RECEIVED THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION, THE ARMY GOOD CONDUCT
13 MEDAL, THE EUROPEAN AFRICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL WITH TWO STARS, AND
14 HE'S A 54-YEAR RESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT AND I COULDN'T HELP
15 BUT NOTICE THAT ON TODAY'S AGENDA WE HAVE AN EXTENSION OF A
16 CABLE FRANCHISE IN THE UNINCORPORATED PART OF L.A. COUNTY
17 CALLED GREEN VALLEY, IN MR. ANTONOVICH'S DISTRICT, AND THAT'S
18 WHERE MY DAD RAN A CAMP IN GREEN VALLEY, AND YOUR MOTHER WAS
19 THE COOK, SO IT ALL COMES TOGETHER. SO SOL, THANK YOU FOR YOUR
20 SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY AND FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP OVER THE YEARS.
21 [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
24 BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 5. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1
25 THROUGH 12.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY
3 KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4

5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SORRY, MADAM CHAIR. COULD WE BACK UP JUST
6 A LITTLE BIT. PETER BAXTER IS REQUESTING THAT WE HOLD ITEM 7,
7 AND THAT WAS JUST GIVEN TO ME.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 7 WILL BE HELD. ON THE REMAINDER, IT'S
10 MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
11 THE REMAINDER ARE APPROVED.

12

13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 13 THROUGH
14 18. ON ITEM NUMBER 15, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS A ONE-
15 WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 15 IS CONTINUED --

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19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MADAM CHAIR? EXCUSE ME. THE GRAND AVENUE
20 COMMITTEE, I WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO TAKE THAT UP AT LEAST FOR
21 DISCUSSION TODAY BEFORE WE MAKE A DECISION.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL HOLD ITEM 15.

24



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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM NUMBER 17, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR
2 KNABE. AND AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET, ON ITEM 18, THE CHIEF
3 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, 18 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR
6 ONE WEEK. ON THE REMAINDER, IT'S MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY
7 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/ WEIGHTS AND
10 MEASURES, ITEM 19.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
13 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL, ITEM 20.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY KNABE.
18 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ARTS COMMISSION, ITEM 21.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH,
23 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

24

25 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, ITEM 22.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.
3 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4

5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BEACHES AND HARBORS, ITEM 23 AND 24.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT
8 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COUNTY COUNSEL, ITEM 25.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.
13 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ITEM 26.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE.
18 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 27 AND 28. ON ITEM
21 NUMBER 28, HOLD FOR GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THE OTHER ITEM, MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED
24 BY YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** INTERNAL SERVICES, ITEM 29.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY MOLINA.

4 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 30 THROUGH 47.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.

9 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON PAGE 18, SHERIFF, ITEMS 48 THROUGH 50.

12 48 THROUGH 50.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THIS IS A HOLD THAT SOMEONE'S REQUESTING?

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16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IT'S ON 56.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THAT'S MOVED BY ANTONOVICH,

19 SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

20

21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, ITEMS 51

22 THROUGH 53. ON ITEM NUMBER 51, THE COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS A

23 ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, 51 IS CONTINUED FOR ONE
2 WEEK.

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4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED
7 BY YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION, ITEM 54.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY MOLINA.
12 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SEPARATE MATTER, 55, IS THE TREASURER AND
15 TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
16 THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF INGLEWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
17 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, 1998, ELECTION 2003 SERIES C, IN
18 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40 MILLION.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'LL MOVE THAT, AND SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH,
21 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

22

23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC HEARINGS, ON ITEMS 56 AND 57,
24 WE'LL HOLD THOSE FOR HEARINGS. MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE
25 AGENDA REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE



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1 OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF
2 THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
3 ITEM 58-A.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.
6 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 58-B.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY BURKE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
11 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON BOTH 58-C AND 58-D, HOLD FOR
14 SUPERVISOR KNABE. 58-E.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
17 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM 58-F ARE ORDINANCES EXTENDING
20 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2005 --

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOLD THAT.

23

24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. AND I'LL READ IT INTO THE RECORD. A
25 FRANCHISE TO PROVIDE CABLE TELEVISION SERVICE IN THE GREEN



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1 VALLEY, LEONA VALLEY, ELIZABETH LAKE, LITTLE ROCK, LAKE LOS
2 ANGELES, AND PEARLAND UNINCORPORATED AREAS, GRANTED TO
3 ADELPHIA COMMUNICATIONS OF CALIFORNIA TO LLC, A DELAWARE
4 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND YOU'RE HOLDING THAT, SUPERVISOR
7 ANTONOVICH?

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

12

13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE
14 AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
15 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 5.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I DO HAVE A CONSUL-GENERAL AND --

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM CROATIA.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH, DO YOU WANT TO DO THIS? AND THEN -- THE
22 REPUBLIC OF CROATIA BECAME AN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY ON JUNE
23 25TH, 1991. IN 1997, CROATIA OPENED A CONSUL-GENERAL OFFICE IN
24 LOS ANGELES. TODAY, WE'RE WELCOMING THE SECOND CONSUL-GENERAL



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1 OF CROATIA IN LOS ANGELES, THE HONORABLE SANJA BUJAS JURAGA. [
2 APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE CONSUL-GENERAL -- [APPLAUSE]

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** -- HAS A LEGAL BACKGROUND, BOTH IN THE
7 PRIVATE SECTOR AND IN THE CROATIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
8 AFFAIRS, WHERE SHE WAS SENIOR LEGAL ADVISOR. THIS IS HER
9 SECOND POSTING IN THE UNITED STATES. SHE SERVED AS COUNSEL IN
10 THE CONSUL-GENERAL OFFICE IN NEW YORK FOR TWO YEARS, FROM '94
11 TO '96. IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO COMING TO LOS ANGELES, SHE WAS
12 HEAD OF PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT, THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT IN THE
13 MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR TWO YEARS. CONSUL-GENERAL
14 BUJAS JURAGA, WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO WELCOME YOU TO LOS
15 ANGELES. WE HOPE THAT YOU ENJOY YOUR STAY HERE, AND I KNOW
16 THAT YOU WILL FIND IT VERY CHALLENGING AND VERY INTERESTING
17 AND MANY PEOPLE FROM CROATIA.

18

19 **CONSUL-GENERAL:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE] [MIXED VOICES
20]

21

22 **CONSUL-GENERAL:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND
23 WORDS. I'M VERY GLAD, AND IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO BE HERE TODAY
24 AMONG YOU AS THE CONSUL-GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
25 HERE IN LOS ANGELES, WHICH IS ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS CITIES IN



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1 THE WORLD. I JUST WOULD LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT MY
2 COUNTRY, CROATIA. IT IS A COUNTRY IN TRANSITION, FACING THE
3 PROBLEMS WHICH ARE SIMILAR FOR ALL THOSE OTHER COUNTRIES IN
4 THAT PROCESS, ALL THOSE CHALLENGING AND EVEN SOME PROBLEMS AND
5 OBSTACLES. CROATIA IS A COUNTRY SITUATED ON MEDITERRANEAN, SO
6 IT IS MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRY. AT THE SAME TIME, IT IS A CENTRAL
7 EUROPEAN COUNTRY AND SOUTHEASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRY. ALL THOSE
8 COMPONENTS I WOULD SAY IT DETERMINED ITS GEOGRAPHY, BUT ALSO
9 THE HISTORY. BUT WHAT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR CROATIA TODAY IS
10 TO JOIN ALL THE COMMUNITY OF MODERN AND DEMOCRATIC STATES AND
11 TO FULLY JOIN IT, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE IN ALL RELEVANT ECONOMIC
12 ASSOCIATIONS, BUT ALSO IN ALL OTHER RELEVANT EURO ATLANTIC
13 INTEGRATIONS. JUST A FEW WORDS ABOUT MY MANDATE HERE AND WHAT
14 I WOULD LIKE TO ACHIEVE FOR MY COUNTRY. I WOULD LIKE TO, IN
15 GENERAL, TO MAKE A LITTLE BIT MORE FAMILIAR TO U.S. CITIZENS
16 HOW IS CROATIA, MODERN CROATIA LOOKING, AND TO SOMEHOW TO
17 ENHANCE THE KNOWLEDGE AND TO PROVOKE ALL U.S. CITIZENS TO COME
18 THERE TO CROATIA AS THE TOURISTIC VISITORS, BUT ALSO AS A
19 BUSINESSMAN AND INVESTORS. ALSO, WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO BE
20 FOCUSED ON IS EXCHANGE AND COOPERATION BETWEEN UNIVERSITIES OF
21 CALIFORNIA AND CROATIA'S UNIVERSITIES, BECAUSE IN THIS SHORT
22 PERIOD HERE I NOTICE THAT UNIVERSITIES IN CALIFORNIA ARE VERY
23 OPEN WITH A WELCOMING ATTITUDE TO THE ALL PEOPLE WHO WOULD
24 LIKE TO COOPERATE, AND I THINK THAT EXCHANGE OF SCIENCE AND
25 TECHNOLOGY EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR MY COUNTRY, PARTICULARLY TO



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1 IMPROVE THE MANAGEMENT GOOD ORGANIZATION. AND JUST AT THE END,
2 I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION THAT CROATIA, ALTHOUGH IT IS SMALL
3 COUNTRY, SMALL IN SIZE, OF TERRITORY AND POPULATION, IT IS A
4 COUNTRY OF MANY, OF GREAT OPPORTUNITIES. I HOPE THAT I WILL
5 MAKE SOME STEPS FORWARD IN PROMOTION OF MY COUNTRY DURING MY
6 STAY HERE AND ALSO I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION THAT VERY IMPORTANT
7 BRIDGE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, UNITED STATES AND CROATIA,
8 THERE ARE ALSO SOME, OR MANY IN FACT, CROATIAN AMERICANS WHO
9 CAN BE VERY HELPFUL IN BUILDING THOSE POSITIVE LINKS. I'M
10 VERY, JUST ONCE AGAIN, I'M VERY HAPPY TO BE HERE AND I
11 APPRECIATE FURTHER COOPERATION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [
12 APPLAUSE] [INDISTINCT VOICES] [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA A.W.A.R.E., DR. WESLEY CLARK, COMMISSIONER
16 HENRY LOZANO, DR. GARTHWAITE, [ENTHUSIASTIC CHEERS AND
17 APPLAUSE]

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DR. FIELDING -- [ENTHUSIASTIC CHEERS AND
20 APPLAUSE]

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** LARRY GENTEEL, AL SENELLA -- [ENTHUSIASTIC
23 CHEERS AND APPLAUSE].

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** TO COME FORWARD. [ENTHUSIASTIC CHEERS AND
2 APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY. WELL, WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO SEE
5 THIS ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT GROUP. [LAUGHTER]

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BUT SUBSTANCE ABUSE, CO-OCCURRING MENTAL
8 DISORDERS AND CO-EXISTING PHYSICAL ILLNESSES ARE MAJOR PUBLIC
9 HEALTH PROBLEMS. THEY AFFECT MILLIONS OF AMERICANS OF ALL
10 AGES, RACES, AND ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS, AND HAVE HUGE SOCIAL,
11 MEDICAL, AND ECONOMIC COSTS. NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG
12 ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH CELEBRATES THE TREMENDOUS STRIDES
13 TAKEN BY INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE UNDERGONE SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT.
14 THIS CELEBRATION ALSO INCLUDES THE FAMILIES WHO SUPPORT THESE
15 PATIENTS AND THE HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS WHO ARE DEDICATED TO
16 TREATING THEM AND TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC. ON BEHALF OF THE
17 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 2003 ALCOHOL
18 AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH. [ENTHUSIASTIC CHEERS AND
19 APPLAUSE]

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOW, WE WANTED TO RECOGNIZE THE SUBSTANCE
22 ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE ADMINISTRATION, KNOWN AS
23 S.A.M.S.A., THEY RUN THE CENTER FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT
24 UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
25 SERVICES. THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY AND



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1 A.W.A.R.E., WHICH IS THE ACRONYM FOR ALWAYS WORKING TOWARD
2 ADVANCING RECOVERY ENVIRONMENTS. JOIN S.A.M.S.A. AND THE BOARD
3 OF SUPERVISORS, WE INVITE ALL OF THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES
4 COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL CELEBRATIONS THIS MONTH, AND
5 NOW I'D LIKE TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO WILLIAM DAVIES AND
6 ROGER RHOADES, CO-CHAIR OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA A.W.A.R.E. [
7 ENTHUSIASTIC CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BEFORE THEY SAY A WORD, THEY'RE GOING TO
10 SPEAK TO US, BUT BEFORE, I WANT TO RECOGNIZE DR. WESLEY CLARK.
11 [ENTHUSIASTIC CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DIRECTOR OF S.A.M.S.A. CENTER; HENRY
14 LOZANO.

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16 **HENRY LOZANO:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I SEE DR. FIELDING BACK THERE, AND HE'S A
19 MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COMMISSION ON DRUG-FREE
20 COMMUNITIES. DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE, DIRECTOR AND CHIEF MEDICAL
21 OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, DR. JONATHAN FIELDING,
22 COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR, LARRY GENTEEL, PRESIDENT AND
23 SENIOR -- [ENTHUSIASTIC CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES AND CHAIRMAN
2 OF THE COUNTY NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUG COMMISSION. AL
3 SENELLA, CHIEF -- [ENTHUSIASTIC CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OF TARZANA TREATMENT CENTERS, AND PRESIDENT
6 OF THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAMS.
7 AND SO NOW I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU TO COME FORWARD, AND FOR BOTH
8 OF YOU TO SAY A WORD. [ENTHUSIASTIC CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

9

10 **SPEAKER:** FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO THANK MY FAMILY FOR BEING
11 HERE. [ENTHUSIASTIC CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

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13 **SPEAKER:** MADAM -- ALL OF US THANK MADAM CHAIRMAN FOR COMING
14 DOWN AND MR. ZEV FOR COMING DOWN TODAY AND SHARING THEIR TIME,
15 THEY'RE BUSY PEOPLE. THANK THEM, YOU KNOW. [ENTHUSIASTIC
16 CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

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18 **SPEAKER:** FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF OUR PROGRAM, ALLOWING US TO BE
19 OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF L.A., AND NOT HOLDING, YOU KNOW, OUR
20 PAST ACTIVITIES AGAINST US. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [
21 ENTHUSIASTIC CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

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23 **SPEAKER:** I'D LIKE TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR COMING DOWN TODAY.
24 I'D LIKE TO THANK EVERYBODY HERE, BECAUSE WITHOUT THEM, WE
25 COULDN'T DO THIS.



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2 **AUDIENCE:** YEAH!

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4 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. [ENTHUSIASTIC CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ZEV, DO YOU WANT TO COME AND JOIN THE
7 PICTURE HERE? [MIXED VOICES] [ENTHUSIASTIC CHEERS AND
8 APPLAUSE]

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. [ENTHUSIASTIC CHEERS AND
11 APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME GO FIRST. HAVE THE
14 PEOPLE FROM -- WE'RE GOING TO ASK YOU TO EXIT QUIETLY. WE WANT
15 TO THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE, BUT WE DO HAVE TO GO ON AND WE
16 WANT YOU TO BE REALLY QUIET AS YOU LEAVE, KIND OF MOVE OUT
17 QUIETLY. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, YESTERDAY
20 WAS, ONCE AGAIN, WHERE THE CITY OF SAN GABRIEL, ALONG WITH THE
21 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES JOINED
22 TOGETHER IN A VERY FAMOUS WALK THAT BEGAN MANY, MANY, MANY
23 YEARS AGO, WHERE THE FOUNDING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
24 BEGINNING IN THE SAN GABRIEL COMMUNITY, WITH THE SAN GABRIEL
25 MISSION BEING BUILT. THEN ABOUT NINE OR 10 YEARS AFTER THAT,



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1 THERE WAS THE FAMOUS WALK FROM THE SAN GABRIEL MISSION TO
2 OLVERA STREET, DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES TODAY, WHERE THEY BUILT
3 THE OLVERA STREET MISSION, AND THEN, LATER ON, MOVED OUT TO
4 THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, WHERE THEY BUILT A MISSION IN SAN
5 FERNANDO. AND SO WITH US TODAY FROM THE CITY OF SAN GABRIEL IS
6 MAYOR DAVID GUTIERREZ AND OUR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, MARY
7 CAMMARANO, JULI COSTANZO, AND CHI MUI, ALONG WITH THEIR HUMAN
8 SOURCES AND SENIOR PROJECTS MANAGER, CINDY SMITH. AND FROM THE
9 SAN GABRIEL MISSION, WE HAVE FATHERS TONY DIAZ AND MARK
10 CLARKE, AND FROM THE LOS POBLADORES, WE HAVE ROBERT LOPEZ,
11 WHO'S THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, AND MARGARET LOPEZ, PRESIDENT
12 EMERITUS, HIS WIFE, AND THEY ARE HERE TO JOIN US IN THE
13 PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1ST THROUGH THE 8TH AS THE
14 232ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES' OLDEST
15 SETTLEMENT, THE SAN GABRIEL MISSION, AND SALUTE LOS ANGELES
16 COUNTY'S FAMOUS FOUNDING FAMILIES. SAN GABRIEL MISSION WAS
17 ESTABLISHED ON SEPTEMBER 8TH, 1771, BY THE NATIVE TOSHINI
18 PEOPLE AND THEIR FRANCISCANS AS THE AGRICULTURAL -- CULTURAL
19 AND SPIRITUAL CENTER WHICH WAS THEN NOW LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IN
20 1781, 10 YEARS AFTER THAT FOUNDING, THE FATHERS, JOSEPH DE LA
21 SEMERA AND PEDRO COMBON LED SEVERAL INDIANS AND 11 FAMILIES ON
22 A NINE-MILE WALK FROM THE SAN GABRIEL MISSION TO WHAT IS NOW
23 PRESENT-DAY OLVERA STREET. TO CELEBRATE THIS WALK THE
24 DESCENDENTS REENACT THEIR ANCESTORS' HISTORIC WALK TO
25 COMMEMORATE THE FOUNDING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S FOUNDING.



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1 AND NOW ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE
2 INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE HERE TODAY. AND FIRST FROM MAYOR DAVID
3 GUTIERREZ AND MEMBERS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL FROM SAN GABRIEL,
4 JULI, CHI MUI AND MARY. HARRY BALDWIN'S HERE TOO. [MIXED
5 VOICES]

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND FROM THE SAN GABRIEL MISSION, WE HAVE THE
8 ROYAL COURT QUEEN, GRACIE PEREZ AND PRINCESS LORENA JOY GAMIDO
9 AND PRINCESS CHING DU. AND THE FATHERS. AND FOR THE LOS
10 POBLADORES, WE HAVE, AS I MENTIONED, ROBERT LOPEZ, THE
11 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, AND PRESIDENT EMERITUS MARGARET LOPEZ AND
12 HIS WIFE, AND ALSO WE HAVE ON MY STAFF, DEBORAH RODORTY WHOSE
13 FAMILY TRACES HER HERITAGE AND- TO THAT WALK, WE HAVE PAUL
14 GUZMAN, HER UNCLE, WHO IS HERE TO ACCEPT THIS AWARD. [MIXED
15 VOICES]

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU TALK FIRST AND THEN WE'LL GO RIGHT DOWN
18 THE LIST.

19

20 **MAYOR DAVID GUTIERREZ:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MIKE. IT'S TRULY A
21 PLEASURE AND AN HONOR TO BE RECOGNIZED BY THE BOARD OF
22 SUPERVISORS. THROUGH THE YEARS, YOU HAVE CONTINUED AN
23 EXCELLENT PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR CITY. MIKE, I ESPECIALLY WOULD,
24 ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE CITY COUNCIL, WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND TO
25 YOU MY SINCEREST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THIS



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1 YEAR'S FESTIVITIES. MIKE BECAME AWARE OF SOME NEEDS IN THE
2 CITY, MADE A PHONE CALL TO US AND SAID "HOW CAN I HELP," AND
3 HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ALLOWING US THE OPPORTUNITY OF HAVING
4 SOME TEE SHIRTS MADE UP, AND SO CERTAINLY YOU HAD TO BE THE
5 RECIPIENT OF ONE, ALONG WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER LITTLE GOODIES
6 THAT WE BROUGHT TO YOU FROM THE CITY OF SAN GABRIEL. WE REALLY
7 APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY OF HAVING YOU AS OUR SUPERVISOR AND
8 WE LOOK FORWARD TO A CONTINUED RELATIONSHIP. THANK YOU VERY
9 MUCH, MIKE. [APPLAUSE]

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, FATHER AND --

12

13 **SPEAKER:** JUST BRIEFLY ACKNOWLEDGING THE BOARD AND THE CITY FOR
14 THIS HONOR, AND ALSO JUST TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE SPIRITUAL
15 HERITAGE OF BOTH OUR CITIES, SAN GABRIEL AND THE CITY OF LOS
16 ANGELES, SO THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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18 **SPEAKER:** ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SAN GABRIEL, THANK YOU. [
19 APPLAUSE]

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21 **ROBERT LOPEZ:** ON BEHALF OF THE LOS POBLADORES 200 AND OUR
22 FOREFATHERS WHO SETTLED THIS CITY, LIKE THE LADY FROM CROATIA
23 SAID, ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS CITIES IN THE WORLD, STARTED BY
24 11 HUMBLE FAMILIES, AND WE THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR



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1 THIS PROCLAMATION AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND SEE YOU NEXT
2 YEAR, GOD WILLING. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HERE'S MY STAFF, DEBORAH PODARTE, WHOSE
5 FAMILY -- WHO USUALLY WALKS, BUT THIS TIME SHE WAS MOVING, SO
6 THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU MAY WANT TO PUT THE BAG DOWN.

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10 **SPEAKER:** OH YEAH.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, APPRECIATE THAT. [MIXED VOICES
15]

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS MORNING WE'D LIKE TO WELCOME THE CITY OF
18 LA VERNE'S FIRE CHIEF, JOHN BREAUX, WHO IS HERE TODAY TO JOIN
19 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS IT DESIGNATES THE CITY OF LA VERNE'S
20 FIRE DEPARTMENTS -- FIRE STATIONS AS A SAFE SURRENDER SITE.

21 THIS FOLLOWS UP ON THE MOTION THAT SUPERVISOR KNABE BROUGHT IN
22 A WHILE BACK TO ESTABLISH THESE THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY. FIRE
23 CHIEF BREAUX IS JOINING US, AS I SAID TODAY, HE -- AND THIS
24 PROGRAM, WHICH IS WHERE A NEWBORN ABANDONMENT LAW WHICH WAS
25 PASSED BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE, ALLOWS FOR THE FIRST TIME AS



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1 OF NOVEMBER 26TH, 2002, AS A DESIGNATE AT THE CITIES OF LONG
2 BEACH AND GLENDALE FIRE STATIONS AS SAFE SURRENDER SITES.
3 WELL, TODAY, LA VERNE'S FIRE STATION JOINS IN THAT EFFORT, AND
4 WE WELCOME THEM INTO THIS VERY IMPORTANT PROGRAM AND WANT TO
5 THANK THE FIRE CHIEF FOR HIS LONG-TIME COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC
6 SAFETY AND GOOD, RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP IN OUR COMMUNITY, SO
7 GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

8

9 **CHIEF JOHN BREAUX:** ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, I'D LIKE
10 TO THANK THE BOARD FOR THIS BEAUTIFUL SCROLL. THIS IS AN HONOR
11 TO PARTICIPATE INTO THE SAFE SURRENDER PROGRAM. IT'S SO
12 WORTHWHILE, AND I'D LIKE TO ALSO COMMEND THE BOARD FOR
13 INITIATING AND IMPLEMENTING SUCH A GREAT PROGRAM. THANK YOU. [
14 APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND NOW WE HAVE, I GUESS WHOSE LINEAGE IS
17 ALSO FROM CROATIA, A LITTLE DALMATIAN MIX WHO IS LOOKING FOR A
18 HOME, LITTLE SKYLAR, WHO IS EIGHT WEEKS OLD. SO THIS IS LITTLE
19 SKYLAR, WHO'S LOOKING FOR A HOME, A LITTLE DALMATIAN MIX. SO
20 ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO'D LIKE TO ADOPT SKYLAR? SO THOSE
21 AT HOME COULD CALL THE TELEPHONE NUMBER AT THE BOTTOM OF YOUR
22 SCREEN, AREA CODE (562) 728-4644, OR ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE
23 WHO'D LIKE LITTLE SKYLAR. HE'S EIGHT WEEKS OLD. HE'S BEEN
24 FIXED, SO NO PROBLEMS.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I HAVE A CAT WHOSE NAME IS SKYLAR, YES.
2 YEAH, OH HE'S SLEEPY, YEAH, IS HE A MIX WITH -- [MIXED VOICES
3]

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA DO YOU HAVE
6 PRESENTATIONS? I HAVE FINISHED MINE. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I'D LIKE TO ASK MANOOCHEHR
9 SADEGHI TO JOIN ME. HERE HE IS. WE'RE VERY FORTUNATE THIS
10 AFTERNOON TO HAVE WITH US A GENTLEMAN WHO IS A RESIDENT OF
11 SHERMAN OAKS, MANOOCHEHR SADEGHI, IMMIGRATED TO THE UNITED
12 STATES IN 1964 FROM HIS NATIVE IRAN, AND IS A MASTER MUSICIAN
13 ON THE PERSIAN SANTUR, A TYPE OF HAMMER DULCIMER, AND AN
14 INSTRUMENT FOR WHICH HE HAS TRAINED COUNTLESS YOUNG MUSICIANS
15 AND SCHOLARS THROUGH THE YEARS. MANOOCHEHR, HE'S ACKNOWLEDGED
16 BY NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SPECIALISTS IN THE FIELD AS THE
17 GREATEST MASTER OF THE SANTUR RESIDING IN THE UNITED STATES.
18 HE HAS BECOME A ROLE MODEL AND ARTISTIC INSPIRATION WHO HAS
19 DEDICATED HIMSELF TO PASSING ON THIS VITAL MUSICAL TRADITION
20 TO SUCCEEDING GENERATIONS OF PLAYERS. FROM THE PERSONAL
21 MASTERY OF THE SANTUR AND FOR THE INFLUENTIAL ROLE HE HAS
22 PLAYED IN POPULARIZING ITS ACCEPTANCE AND HANDING DOWN MUSICAL
23 KNOWLEDGE OF THIS INSTRUMENT, MANOOCHEHR HAS BEEN AWARDED THE
24 NATIONAL HERITAGE FELLOWSHIP BY THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE
25 ARTS, THE FIRST PERSIAN ARTIST SO HONORED. SO WE WANTED TO



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1 TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WANTED TO
2 RESOLVE THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HIGHLY COMMEND
3 MANOOCHHR SADEGHI FOR HIS PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL
4 ACHIEVEMENTS, AND THESE EXTENDED SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS AND
5 BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL OF HIS FUTURE
6 ENDEAVORS. WE'RE JOINED -- HE IS JOINED TODAY BY JIMMY
7 DELSHED, WHO IS A NEW MEMBER OF THE BEVERLY HILLS CITY
8 COUNCIL. GLAD TO HAVE YOU HERE, JIMMY. YOU USED TO HAVE LESS
9 GRAY HAIR BEFORE YOU WERE A CITY COUNCILMAN, BUT THAT'S ALL
10 RIGHT. AND MANOOCHHR, WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE YOU HERE,
11 HONORED TO HAVE YOU AS ONE OF OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS AND
12 TAXPAYERS, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, ONE OF THE GREAT ARTISTS IN
13 THE WORLD LIVING RIGHT HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND
14 CONGRATULATIONS ON THE FELLOWSHIP AND I UNDERSTAND WE MAY HAVE
15 THE PLEASURE OF LISTENING TO YOU FOR A FEW BARS ON THE SANTUR.
16 OKAY. [APPLAUSE]

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18 **MANOOCHHR SADEGHI:** THANK YOU, MR. YAROSLAVSKY. I WOULD LIKE
19 TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS WONDERFUL
20 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MY NATIONAL HERITAGE AWARD. I'M TRULY
21 HONORED TO RECEIVE THIS RECOGNITION FROM THE N.E.A., AND I'M
22 THRILLED TO BE REPRESENTING THE PERSIAN COMMUNITY OF LOS
23 ANGELES IN THIS WAY. IN TWO WEEKS, WE WILL BE GOING TO
24 WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR THE AWARD CEREMONY AND FOR SEVERAL
25 CONCERTS, AND WE WILL ALSO HAVE A CONCERT HERE IN L.A. ON



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1 OCTOBER 4TH IN DOWNTOWN AT THE JAPANESE -- JAPAN-AMERICAN
2 THEATRE. WE WILL HAVE A SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMING AT THE INDIAN
3 SITAR, WILL START IN RATTAN. THIS CONCERT WILL BRING THE
4 PERSIAN, INDIAN, AND JAPANESE CULTURES TOGETHER IN LOS
5 ANGELES, AND ALL THE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT MY WEB SITE
6 AT SANTUR.COM, S-A-N-T-U-R DOT-COM. NOW I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE
7 YOU A SMALL SAMPLE OF THE SOUND OF MY INSTRUMENT, THE SANTUR.
8 ONCE AGAIN, I'M SO GRATEFUL TO THE BOARD AND THE N.E.A. FOR
9 THIS HONOR. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] [MUSIC] [MUSIC] [
10 APPLAUSE]

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL BOARD MEMBERS. [MIXED VOICES]

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR -- SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, HAVE
15 YOU FINISHED? SUPERVISOR KNABE?

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AS WE
18 ALL KNOW ON SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001, THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE LOST
19 THEIR LIVES AND A CALL TO ARMS AGAINST TERRORISM HAS BEEN A
20 PART OF OR EVERY-DAY LIVES SINCE. TO HONOR THE INNOCENT LIVES
21 LOST IN THAT INFAMOUS DAY, THE CIVIC AND MILITARY PERSONNEL
22 CURRENTLY IN HARM'S WAY AS WELL. SO TO HONOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN
23 PRESENTLY IN UNIFORM, ENGAGED IN SEVERAL FOREIGN THEATERS TO
24 PROTECT US, THIS BOARD, ON ITEM NUMBER 10 TODAY, IS
25 PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2003, TO BE KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE



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1 COUNTY AS PATRIOT DAY AND URGE ALL CITIZENS TO PARTICIPATE IN
2 CEREMONIES HONORING OUR MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE NOW IN HARM'S
3 WAY. SO IT'S MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT THIS PROCLAMATION IN HONOR
4 OF PATRIOT'S DAY TO COLONEL JOSEPH SMITH FROM OUR COUNTY
5 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **COLONEL JOSEPH SMITH:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I'D ALSO LIKE TO
8 THANK THE BOARD FOR THIS PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF
9 PATRIOT DAY. PATRIOT DAY IS THE SECOND OCCASION IN OUR
10 NATION'S HISTORY WHEN WE WERE VICTIMS OF A SURPRISE ATTACK. BY
11 COINCIDENCE, TODAY IS THE 58TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLOSE OF
12 WORLD WAR II, WHICH, OF COURSE, BEGAN WITH THAT DAY OF INFAMY
13 AT PEARL HARBOR. AS WE RECOGNIZE PATRIOTS DAY, WE MUST ALSO
14 RECOGNIZE THAT THE PRICE OF FREEDOM IS ETERNAL VIGILANCE AND
15 RECOMMIT OURSELVES TO ENSURING THAT WE DO NOT RECEIVE A THIRD
16 BLOW OF THE MAGNITUDE THAT HAPPENED. SO TODAY AND IN THE DAYS
17 AHEAD, WE PLEDGE OURSELVES TO DEFENDING OUR COUNTRY WITH
18 HONOR, COURAGE, AND COMMITMENT. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I THINK THAT CONCLUDES THE
21 PRESENTATIONS. STARTING WITH TODAY, I THINK THE -- SUPERVISOR
22 ANTONOVICH IS UP FIRST. IS THAT CORRECT?

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN
25 TODAY IN MEMORY OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL DELBERT BERRYMAN,



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1 RETIRED FROM THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, WHO PASSED AWAY WITH
2 CANCER AFTER FIGHTING A LONG AND COURAGEOUS BATTLE, AT THE AGE
3 OF 84. HE WAS THE FATHER OF OUR REGISTRAR RECORDER, CONNIE
4 MCCORMICK. HE SERVED AS A PILOT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
5 FOR 30 YEARS, FROM 1942 TO 1972. HIS MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS
6 INCLUDE FLYING IN THE BERLIN AIR LIFT, SERVING AS AN AIR
7 TRAFFIC CONTROLLER, PULLING A TOP SECRET CUE CLEARANCE DURING
8 THE ATOMIC BOMB TEST IN THE PACIFIC AND SERVING IN NUMEROUS
9 ASSIGNMENTS ON FOUR CONTINENTS. HE FLEW 43 DIFFERENT TYPES OF
10 AIRCRAFT LOGGING OVER 7,000 HOURS OF FLIGHT TIME, YET IT WAS
11 THE P-51 MUSTANG THAT WAS HIS PERSONAL FAVORITE. HE'S SURVIVED
12 BY HIS LOVING WIFE, PAT, THEIR THREE CHILDREN, AND ONE SISTER.
13 PUT ALL MEMBERS ON THAT.

14
15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

16
17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO, SAD TO ANNOUNCE THE PASSING OF ONE OF
18 OUR COMMUNITY LEADERS AND ONE OF THE GREAT FILM ACTORS, WHO
19 PASSED AWAY, AND THAT'S THE ACTOR, HEALTHCARE PROVIDER, RAN
20 BROOKS, WHO PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 1ST AT THE AGE OF 84. RAN
21 WAS A PERSONAL FRIEND, PERSONAL SUPPORTER OF MINE. HE COMES --
22 HE RESIDED IN GLENDALE. HE ENTERED THE FILM INDUSTRY AFTER
23 GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL. HE PORTRAYED CHARLES HAMILTON AS
24 THE ILL-FATED FIRST HUSBAND OF SCARLET O'HARA IN THE GREAT
25 CLASSIC, "GONE WITH THE WIND." HE APPEARED AS JOHNNIE IN THE



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1 HOP-ALONG CASSIDY MOTION PICTURES, AND HE APPEARED IN OTHER
2 SEVERAL WESTERN FILMS AND AS CORPORAL BOON IN THE 'ADVENTURES
3 OF RIN TIN TIN.' AND AFTER RETIRING FROM ACTING HE OPERATED A
4 VERY SUCCESSFUL AMBULANCE SERVICE, THE PROFESSIONAL AMBULANCE
5 SERVICE IN GLENDALE THAT BECAME ONE OF THE MOST RESPECTED
6 SERVICES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AND RAN IS SURVIVED BY HIS
7 LOVING WIFE HERMOINE AND THREE CHILDREN. HE WAS HONORED ABOUT
8 THREE YEARS AGO BY THE GOLDEN BOOT, WHERE HE WAS ONE OF THE
9 RECIPIENTS OF THE GOLDEN BOOT AT THE CENTURY CITY PLAZA HOTEL.
10 HE WAS A VERY FINE MAN, PERSONALLY INVOLVED, AND IS A GREAT
11 CREDIT TO THE INDUSTRY AND TO BUSINESS. ANOTHER ACTOR WHO
12 PASSED AWAY, MOVE IN MEMORY OF CHARLES BRONSON, WHO PASSED
13 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 81. ALONG WITH PAT LAMONT. SHE WAS A CANCER
14 CRUSADER AND BUSINESSWOMAN WHO LIVED IN VALENCIA. SHE WAS
15 QUITE INVOLVED IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. SHE WAS FOUNDER
16 AND PRESIDENT OF THE CANCER CARE FOUNDATION WHICH RAISED
17 THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FOR RESEARCH AND AWARENESS. AND SHE IS
18 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND AND THEIR TWO SONS. GEORGE ANTHOS
19 ADAMSON, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 95. HE HELPED FOUND THE
20 ADAMSON SCHOOL OF INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY AND ENGINEERING IN
21 MANILA, PHILIPPINES. THE SCHOOL WAS DESTROYED DURING WORLD WAR
22 II DURING THE BATTLE OF MANILA, AND HE AND HIS WIFE THEN MOVED
23 TO SAN FRANCISCO. IN 1946, HE OPENED AN OFFICE IN LOS ANGELES
24 COUNTY TO EXPORT BOOKS AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE REHABILITATION OF
25 THE UNIVERSITY, WHICH WAS THEN ADMINISTERED BY THE NANCENCIAN



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1 FATHERS WITHIN ROMAN AT 20,000. HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN
2 CARRYING OUT -- HELPING TO MANUFACTURE PAPER FROM BAMBOO AND
3 HELP MORE THAN 300 WORKERS CARRY OUT THE MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR
4 PROJECT ENGINEERED BY THE FAMOUS ADAMSON ENGINEERING
5 CORPORATION OF PASADENA, WHERE HE WAS ALSO INVOLVED IN MANY
6 PHILANTHROPIC GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS. SO I MOVE WE ADJOURN
7 IN MEMORY OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FOR NEXT WEEK, I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT THE
12 BOARD FOLLOW IN THIS MOTION, THAT IN 1997, THE COUNTY
13 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE ASSESSOR DEVELOPED
14 GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM, THE G.I.S., TO PROVIDE A
15 GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION OF ALL 2.3 MILLION PARCELS WITHIN OUR
16 COUNTY, AND ALTHOUGH THE COUNTY STAFF DESIGNATED THE G.I.S.
17 INFORMATION TO SERVE ITS OWN NEEDS, THE INFORMATION IS OF
18 GREATER USE TO THE PUBLIC/PRIVATE SECTOR ALONG WITH NONPROFIT
19 INSTITUTIONS, RESEARCH FACILITIES, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC. FOR
20 THIS REASON, THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
21 AND COUNTY ASSESSOR TO ENTER TO AGREEMENTS WITH PRIVATE SECTOR
22 CONSULTING FIRMS TO MARKET AND SELL THIS INFORMATION. THIS IS
23 ALSO PROVED TO BE AN INVALUABLE LAW ENFORCEMENT TOOL FOR THE
24 SHERIFF, PARTICULARLY FOR ITS AIR SUPPORT, HELICOPTER UNITS.
25 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT REPRESENTATIVES OF INCORPORATED CITIES



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1 WITHIN THE COUNTY ARE NOW INQUIRING ABOUT USING THIS
2 INNOVATIVE INFORMATION FOR THEIR PURPOSES AS WELL. CRIMINAL
3 BEHAVIOR DOES NOT FOLLOW JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES, AS WE
4 KNOW. THIS IS PARTICULARLY THE CASE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT
5 HELICOPTERS WHO ARE PURSUING CRIMINAL SUSPECTS. FURTHERMORE,
6 CHARGING A FEE TO SISTER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES FOR THIS
7 INFORMATION IS CONTRARY TO THE DOZENS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
8 MUTUAL AID PACTS THAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE WITH OTHER
9 JURISDICTIONS. THUS FAR, NO OUTSIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY HAS
10 PURCHASED THIS INFORMATION. SO I'D MOVE NEXT WEEK THAT THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, THE SHERIFF, ASSESSOR, C.A.O., AND
12 COUNTY COUNSEL BE DIRECTED TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF
13 ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO
14 ALLOW ACCESS AT NO COST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
15 G.I.S. SYSTEM FROM THEIR CORRESPONDING ASSESSORS OVERLAY FROM
16 THEIR D.S.O. DATABASE AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON THESE
17 MATTERS WITHIN 30 DAYS. THAT'D BE FOR NEXT WEEK, OR IF WE'RE
18 ASKING FOR A REPORT, CAN WE DO IT TODAY?

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PUT IT ON -- IS THIS FOR NEXT TUESDAY?

21

22 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** IT'S GOING BEYOND ASKING FOR AN INDIVIDUAL
23 DEPARTMENT FOR A REPORT.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, WELL PUT IT ON FOR NEXT WEEK THEN,
2 THAT'S FINE. ALSO FOR NEXT WEEK, AND WE CAN'T DO IT TODAY,
3 THERE WAS A RECENT ARTICLE THAT L.A. COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE A
4 COUNTY-WIDE POLICY REGARDING HOW DEPARTMENTS USE ORDERED
5 ABSENCE LEAVE. AND A ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
6 RESOURCES DOES NOT HAVE FINANCIAL RECORDS IDENTIFYING THOSE
7 COSTS ENCUMBERED BY DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE PLACED SUCH
8 INDIVIDUALS ON PAID LEAVE. SO THE MOTION WOULD DIRECT THE
9 BOARD TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND AUDITOR-
10 CONTROLLER TO COMPILE A LIST OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE
11 PAST FIVE YEARS TO IDENTIFY THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES PLACED ON
12 PAID VERSUS UNPAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE AND REPORT BACK TO THE
13 BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS. IT SHOULD INCLUDE REASONS FOR THE
14 EMPLOYEES' PLACEMENT ON LEAVE, DURATION, AND THE RESULT AND
15 COST. WE'D FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE HUMAN
16 RESOURCES, C.A.O., AND COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE A COUNTY-WIDE
17 POLICY REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE, REVIEWING THE POLICIES
18 OF ORANGE AND SAN DIEGO COUNTIES AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD
19 WITHIN THAT 30-DAY PERIOD FOR RECOMMENDATIONS.

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D SECOND IT, BUT ISN'T THERE ANY REASON WE CAN'T
22 ACT ON THAT TODAY SINCE IT CAME OUT AFTER THE POSTING?



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK THAT WE CAN ACT ON IT, I JUST
2 WONDER ABOUT THE TIME FRAME. YOU'RE ASKING FOR THEM WITHIN
3 WHAT PERIOD OF TIME TO GET ALL?

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE MONTH.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ONE MONTH OKAY. ALL RIGHT. IS THERE --
8 COUNTY COUNSEL?

9

10 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** YOU CAN DO THE FIRST PART I BELIEVE --

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ASKING FOR A REPORT ON OVER, I MEAN ON PAID
13 LEAVE, I MEAN --

14

15 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** WITH THE COMPILATION OF THE REPORT BACK.
16 DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE FIRST PART IS.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THEN IT'S MOVED BY ANTONOVICH,
21 SECONDED BY KNABE, WITHOUT OBJECTION --

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE WE TALKING ABOUT THE FIRST PART?

24



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1 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** YEAH, THIS FIRST PART OF IT YOU COULD REQUEST
2 THE DEPARTMENTS TODAY.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YEAH, JUST FOR THE INFORMATION RIGHT?

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND ON THE SECOND PART, WE'RE NOT APPROVING
7 THAT?

8

9 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** WILL BE GOING OVER TO NEXT WEEK.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** FOR NEXT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S NEXT WEEK.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DOES THAT CONCLUDE YOUR ITEMS?

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEN I WOULD LIKE TO -- MR. GARTHWAITE OR MR.
18 LEAF, OR BOTH. THERE'S A ARTICLE IN SATURDAY'S PAPER RELATIVE
19 TO THE COST OF BILLING AT OUR MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS, WHICH I
20 FOUND QUITE DISTURBING. AND THE PART OF THIS IS A RESPONSE TO
21 A FEDERAL REQUEST CHECKING THE BUILDING PROCEDURES FOR MEDICAL
22 CENTERS ACROSS THIS NATION. BUT WHAT I FOUND DISTURBING IS THE
23 CAVALIER ATTITUDE OF THE DEPARTMENT IN NOT HAVING A STABLE
24 BILLING FOR MEDICAL SERVICES, WHICH SHOULD BE PART OF A MAJOR
25 CONCERN TO TAXPAYERS AND THIS BOARD WHO OVERSEES THE



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1 DEPARTMENT. BECAUSE OF THIS FAILURE, WE HAVE A SITUATION AS
2 THE NEWSPAPERS HAD REPORTED, THAT PATIENTS, SELF-PAYING
3 PATIENTS' BILLS ARE MARKED UP BY 224% OVER THE ACTUAL COST OF
4 IN-PATIENT HOSPITAL STAYS, 57% FOR HOSPITAL OUT-PATIENT
5 TREATMENT, AND 2% FOR E.R. VISITS. AND WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE
6 MONOPOLY BASICALLY THAT WE HAVE AND THE FACT THAT WE ARE
7 CHARGING THE RATE THAT WE ARE, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE HAVE A
8 SERIOUS PROBLEM, SO I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHY ARE SELF-PAID AND
9 INSURED INDIVIDUALS BEING PENALIZED WITH HIGHER BILLS THAN
10 OTHER PATIENTS FOR THE SAME SERVICES?

11

12 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** MR. SUPERVISOR, THE INVESTIGATION
13 THAT'S GOING ON AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL REALLY IS NOT TARGETING
14 LARGE SAFETY NET PROVIDERS LIKE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
15 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. IT'S REALLY TARGETING PRIVATE
16 HOSPITALS. PRIVATE HOSPITALS ACTUALLY MARK THEIR BILL UP TO
17 ABOUT 305% OVER ACTUAL CHARGES IN CALIFORNIA URBAN AREAS
18 SIMILAR TO LOS ANGELES. I GUESS THERE'S NOTHING REALLY SIMILAR
19 TO LOS ANGELES, BUT IN LARGE, CALIFORNIA URBAN AREAS, THERE'S
20 A HUGE MARKUP. AND WHAT HAPPENS IS THAT IF PATIENTS DO HAVE
21 RESOURCES OR OTHER ASSETS THAT CAN BE ATTACHED OR ATTACKED,
22 THE PATIENTS END UP RECEIVING THIS RELATIVELY INFLATED BILL
23 SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE INSURANCE, AND THE CONCERN OF
24 THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN THAT THE UNINSURED ARE PAYING THE
25 STICKER PRICE, IF YOU WILL, IF YOU COMPARE IT TO CARS, WHEREAS



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1 EVERYONE ELSE WHO HAS INSURANCE, HAS THEIR INSURANCE COMPANY
2 NEGOTIATE THEIR PRICE DOWNWARD. WE'RE DIFFERENT BECAUSE OUR
3 MONOPOLY REALLY IS ON THE UNINSURED, AND VERY FEW, IF ANY
4 PATIENTS, END UP PAYING THE FULL AMOUNT WHO USE OUR FACILITIES
5 BECAUSE WE MEANS TEST THEM ALL AS TO WHETHER THEY HAVE THE
6 CAPABILITY OF PAYING, AND THEY'RE ALMOST ALL OF THEM ARE PUT
7 INTO A REDUCED PAYMENT PLAN.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT AGAIN, WHY ARE SELF-PAID AND INSURED
10 INDIVIDUALS BEING PENALIZED WITH HIGHER BILLS THAN OTHER
11 PATIENTS FOR THESE SAME SERVICES?

12

13 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK SIMPLY BECAUSE, WELL, THERE'S
14 ONE OTHER PIECE THAT I THINK'S IMPORTANT WITH REGARDS TO OUR
15 BILLS, IS THAT WE'RE REQUIRED VIA MEDI-CAL LAW THAT OUR IN-
16 PATIENT CHARGES MUST EXCEED THE TOTAL NONDISPROPORTIONATE
17 SHARE OF HOSPITAL GROSS REIMBURSEMENT THAT THE DEPARTMENT
18 RECEIVES FROM MEDI-CAL. SO IN THE END, WE SET IT TO WHAT THE
19 LAW TELLS US WE HAVE TO SET IT IN ORDER TO RECEIVE OUR DISH
20 PAYMENTS AND MEDI-CAL PAYMENTS.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY ARE THE VAST MAJORITY OF PATIENTS PAYING
23 ONLY A SMALL FRACTION OR NOTHING OF THE CHARGES BY
24 PARTICIPATING IN THE DEPARTMENT'S REDUCED PAYMENT PLAN?

25



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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, WE SIMPLY -- WE HAVE, I THINK AT
2 THE BOARD'S DIRECTION, A SERIES OF PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR THOSE
3 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE POOR AND TO HAVE NO HEALTH INSURANCE, AND
4 HAVE NO COVERAGE, AND SO WE'RE CARRYING OUT THOSE WELL-
5 RECOGNIZED PLANS THAT WE HAVE IN PLACE.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THE DEPARTMENT COMPLYING WITH FEDERAL LAW
8 WHICH DIRECTS PROVIDERS TO SEEK FULL PAYMENT ON ALL MEDICAL
9 COSTS?

10

11 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YES, WE ARE COMPLYING, I BELIEVE SO.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY HAS THE DEPARTMENT BEEN RAISING MEDICAL
14 CHARGES TO MEET FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS?

15

16 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WHY HAVE WE?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

19

20 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** AGAIN, WE'VE -- OUR BILLINGS FOR IN-
21 PATIENT ARE DIRECTLY TIED TO A FORMULA THAT IS A FEDERAL
22 REQUIREMENT WITH REGARDS TO MEDI-CAL IN-PATIENT CHARGES. AND
23 AGAIN, I'D JUST SAY THAT WE -- OURS ARE 224% OF COSTS IN
24 GENERAL AND IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, IT'S MORE LIKE 305%. SO



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1 THIS ISN'T JUST AN ISSUE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES;
2 IT'S ACROSS ALL HOSPITALS.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY HAS THE DEPARTMENT'S NON IN-PATIENT
5 SERVICES EXCEEDED COSTS?

6

7 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WHY -- I'M SORRY?

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY HAVE THE NON IN-PATIENT SERVICES EXCEEDED
10 COSTS?

11

12 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** FOR NON-IN-PATIENT? WE CHARGE CLOSER TO
13 OUR ACTUAL COSTS BECAUSE OF -- BECAUSE THE FEDERAL FORMULAS
14 ARE DIFFERENT, WE CHARGE A LOT CLOSER TO OUR ACTUAL COSTS FOR
15 NON-IN-PATIENT SERVICES. LET'S SEE. WHERE IS THAT? I THINK
16 WE'RE 2% ABOVE THE EMERGENCY ROOM -- OUR CHARGES ARE ONLY 2%
17 ABOVE THE EMERGENCY ROOM COSTS AND 57% ABOVE THE ACTUAL COST
18 IN THE OUT-PATIENT SETTING.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WOULD INCREASING THE RATES FOR MEDICARE
21 ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT IN LOWERING THE NON-IN-PATIENT SERVICE
22 COSTS?

23

24 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WOULD INCREASING THE MEDICARE --

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ASSIST IN THE DEPARTMENT IN LOWERING THE NON-
2 IN-PATIENT SERVICE COSTS?

3

4 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, I DON'T, YOU KNOW, I'M NOT SURE
5 THAT THE RATE OF BILLING HAS MUCH TO DO WITH LOWERING THE
6 COST, PER SE. THERE'S PLENTY OF THINGS THAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO
7 TO LOWER OUR COSTS IN DELIVERING CARE, BUT THESE ARE REALLY
8 CHARGES, AND NOT NECESSARILY RELATED TO THE COST.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES MEDICARE REQUIRE CHARGES TO BE THE SAME
11 ACROSS PAYER CLASSES?

12

13 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** MEDICARE. I THINK THESE ARE --

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES MEDICARE ALLOW FLUCTUATION IN CHARGES?

16

17 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH I THINK YOU MEAN MEDI-CAL. RIGHT?
18 I THINK MEDI-CAL.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MEDICARE.

21

22 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** OKAY. I DON'T KNOW. I'M NOT SURE ABOUT
23 MEDICARE. I'D HAVE TO GO -- I'D HAVE TO RESEARCH IN MEDICARE
24 LAW.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE DISPARITY IN CHARGES WHERE
2 PATIENTS ARE COVERED BY MULTIPLE PAYERS? WHAT IS THE DISPARITY
3 WHEN THERE'S MULTIPLE PAYERS?

4

5 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WHAT IS THE DISPARITY?

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH IN CHARGES WHERE PATIENTS HAVE MULTIPLE
8 PAYERS?

9

10 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WE -- WE HAVE TO -- WE HAVE TO HAVE THE
11 SAME CHARGES, BUT WHEN WE DO ACCEPT LESS-THAN-FULL CHARGES FOR
12 VARIOUS INSURANCE COMPANIES, AS DOES EVERY HOSPITAL THAT I'M
13 AWARE OF.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE DEPARTMENT DOING TO IDENTIFY
16 REIMBURSEMENT BY LEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHO ARE SPONSORED AND
17 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS?

18

19 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I DON'T KNOW SPECIFICALLY ABOUT WHAT
20 WE'RE DOING TO IDENTIFY SPONSORS. WE DON'T SPECIFICALLY, I
21 BELIEVE, ASK INDIVIDUALS THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. WE DO
22 EVERYTHING WE CAN WITH EVERY PATIENT TO SEE WHETHER THEY'RE
23 ELIGIBLE FOR ANY KNOWN INSURANCE PROGRAMS, WHETHER THEY HAVE
24 INSURANCE OR WHETHER THEY'D BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEDI-CAL.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY WOULDN'T A SPONSOR, IF THEY HAVE A
2 SPONSOR, BE PART OF THAT QUESTION?

3

4 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** COULD BE. I JUST DON'T KNOW.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I MEAN YOU'RE ASKING IF THEY HAVE INSURANCE,
7 IF THEY HAVE A SPONSOR, THEN THAT SPONSOR IS RESPONSIBLE, SO
8 THAT WOULD BE A DE FACTO INSURANCE.

9

10 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WE CAN LOOK INTO THAT. BE HAPPY TO DO
11 THAT.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THE DEPARTMENT WORKING ON ESTABLISHING A
14 UNIFORM MEDI-CAL CHARGE MASTER LIST BASED ON FEDERAL LAW?

15

16 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK WE HAVE THAT. WE -- OUR -- WE
17 HAVE A UNIFORM SET OF CHARGES THAT IS BASED ON THE FORMULAS
18 THAT WE HAVE TO -- THAT WE HAVE TO MEET. THIS IS DESCRIBED IN
19 OUR AUGUST 14TH LETTER TO THE BOARD.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WE ARE WORKING ON ESTABLISHING A UNIFORM
22 MEDICAL CHARGE MASTER LIST BASED UPON FEDERAL LAW?

23

24 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** MY BELIEF -- IT'S MY BELIEF WE HAVE A
25 UNIFORM MASTER CHARGE LIST THAT IS BASED ON LAW.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, YOU'LL CHECK ON THAT?

3

4 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** OH I'LL CONFIRM THAT, BUT I BELIEVE
5 THAT'S TO BE THE -- THAT'S THE CASE.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THE DEPARTMENT COMPLYING WITH FEDERAL LAW
8 WHICH DIRECTS PROVIDERS TO SEEK FULL PAYMENT ON ALL MEDICAL
9 BILLS?

10

11 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH.

12

13 **FRED LEAF:** WELL YES, WE'RE COMPLYING, BUT THE FULL PAYMENT ON
14 MEDICAL BILLS GETS SOMEWHAT CONFUSING WHEN YOU TRY AND
15 DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN CHARGES AND AGREED-UPON RATES OUTSIDE OF
16 THOSE CHARGES. FOR INSTANCE, WHEN YOU GO -- RECEIVE CARE
17 YOURSELF UNDER YOUR MEDICAL PLAN, YOU'LL NOTICE THAT USUAL AND
18 CUSTOMARY CHARGES ARE LIKE, SOMETIMES SIX TIMES HIGHER THAN
19 THE ACTUAL PAYMENT RECEIVED BY THE HOSPITAL FROM, LIKE, LET'S
20 SAY BLUE CROSS. SO THIS IS PRETTY CUSTOMARY BUSINESS PRACTICE
21 WHERE YOU HAVE CHARGES ESTABLISHED FOR COMPLETELY DIFFERENT
22 REASONS THAN YOU ACTUALLY -- THAN THE ACTUAL BILLING A PATIENT
23 UNDER ANY AGREED-UPON CONTRACT WITH A PARTICULAR HEALTH PLAN,
24 OR OTHER PAYER.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT YOU HAVE IS THE TAXPAYERS REALLY GET A
2 DOUBLE WHAMMY. THE TAXPAYERS HERE ARE FOR ALL MEDICAL COSTS
3 OF, IT'S ABOUT \$360 MILLION A YEAR FOR ILLEGALS. THEN THOSE
4 WHO HAVE INSURANCE GET A DOUBLE WHAMMY BECAUSE THE RATES ARE
5 INFLATED, SO THAT MEANS THEIR INSURANCE PREMIUMS ARE GOING TO
6 BE HIGHER, SO NOT ONLY ARE THEY USING PART OF THEIR TAX
7 DOLLARS TO SUBSIDIZE THIS COST, THEN THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO
8 PAY HIGHER MEDICAL PREMIUMS OR THEY AND THEIR EMPLOYER WILL
9 PAY HIGHER MEDICAL PREMIUMS BECAUSE WE'RE INCREASING THE COST
10 FOR SERVICES TO MAKE UP FOR SOME OF THOSE COSTS THAT -- DUE TO
11 THE \$360 MILLION FIGURE THAT WE'RE HAVING TO CHARGE TAXPAYERS
12 TO SUBSIDIZE THIS GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS.

13

14 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THOSE OF US WHO HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE,
15 OUR INSURANCE COMPANIES TEND TO TRY TO NEGOTIATE THE PRICE
16 ACTUALLY PAID TO THE PROVIDER DOWN. YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT
17 THAT WITHIN THAT ARE SOME COSTS OF THE UNINSURED ACROSS THE,
18 YOU KNOW, ALL OF US WHO HAVE INSURANCE OUR PREMIUMS ARE
19 SOMEWHAT INFLATED TO COVER THE COST OF THE UNINSURED. THE
20 SPECIFIC ISSUE THAT THIS COMMITTEE HAS RAISED IS THAT IF YOU
21 DON'T HAVE INSURANCE, BUT YOU DO HAVE THE MEANS TO PAY, YOU
22 DON'T HAVE ANY WAY TO NEGOTIATE YOUR PRICE DOWN, SO YOU'RE NOT
23 ONLY PAYING THE, KIND OF THE LOWER NEGOTIATED PRICE, YOU'RE
24 PAYING WAY UP HERE, AND THAT GOES INTO THE MIX.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT, YOU KNOW, IF YOU HAD A FAIR PRICE TO PAY
2 FOR THE SERVICE, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HIRING
3 LAWYERS AND CONSULTANTS TO BICKER AND FIGHT OVER THE PROPER
4 FEE. THE INSURANCE COMPANY WOULD KNOW IT WAS A FAIR FEE
5 BECAUSE WE WOULD BE CHARGING A FAIRER FEE, AND WE WOULD BE
6 REIMBURSED QUICKER BECAUSE WE WOULDN'T BE HAVING THIS HASSLE
7 OF FIGHTING OVER, TRYING TO GET THE FEE REDUCED, AND IT SEEMS
8 LIKE WE HELP EXASPERATE THE PROBLEM BY BEING A LITTLE MORE
9 COMPLEX INSTEAD OF SIMPLIFYING IT AND CHARGING FOR THE
10 SERVICES FOR WHAT THEY OUGHT TO BE CHARGED FOR AND NOT
11 INFLATING THEM AND THEN WAITING TO GO ROUND THE ROUND WITH THE
12 INSURANCE COMPANY TO GET A REDUCTION AND PAYING ALL THIS STAFF
13 TIME TO GET THAT REDUCTION AND IT ENDS UP COSTING MORE.

14

15 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH, AND PLEASE DON'T MISUNDERSTAND
16 ME, I'M NOT DEFENDING THE CURRENT WAY AND HEALTHCARE ISN'T
17 PAID FOR AND THE INSURANCE MECHANISM OF THE UNITED STATES
18 TODAY. I THINK THEY ARE VERY CONFUSING, THEY DO LEAD TO
19 UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES, AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT THIS
20 COMMITTEE AND CONGRESS IS REALLY TRYING TO ASK AS WELL.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT CAN WE DO WITHOUT WAITING FOR CONGRESS
23 TO ACT? WHAT CAN WE DO ON OUR OWN TO REVIEW THE BILLING
24 PROCEDURES IN COMING UP WITH A FAIR PROCESS?

25



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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH. I THINK WE'VE TRIED TO LOOK AT
2 THIS IN THE PAST A COUPLE OF TIMES AND HAVE WALKED AWAY WITH
3 AS LONG AS THE LAWS ARE THE WAY THEY ARE AND AS LONG AS OUR
4 FUNDING COMES THE WAY IT DOES, I'M NOT SURE THAT WE HAVE A LOT
5 OF FLEXIBILITY. WE CAN TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AND SEE IF THERE'S
6 ANYTHING ELSE WE CAN COME UP WITH BASED ON YOUR QUESTIONINGS
7 TODAY, BUT --

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THE LAWMAKERS, BE IT A BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS OR A STATE LEGISLATURE OR A FEDERAL CONGRESS ALL
11 RESIDE IN THESE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES.

12

13 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WE'RE NOT NON-ENTITIES. WE CAN ENGAGE THEM
16 IN A PROCESS IF THE DEPARTMENT CAN COME UP WITH A FAIR
17 PROTOCOL THAT OUGHT TO BE USED IN THE ISSUE OF BILLING FOR
18 SERVICES AND WE CAN WORK TOGETHER, THE FIVE SUPERVISORS CAN
19 WORK TOGETHER, STATE LEGISLATURE CAN WORK, AND OUR CONGRESS
20 CAN WORK AND WE'LL GET THE MEANINGFUL CHANGES INSTEAD OF
21 THROWING UP OUR HANDS THAT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.

22

23 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH, AND I WOULD SAY THAT WE'RE
24 WORKING VERY HARD WITH THE CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION AND
25 OTHERS WHO ARE PROVIDING THE INFORMATION TO THIS CONGRESSIONAL



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1 COMMITTEE TO TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT WHATEVER COMES OUT OF THIS
2 COMMITTEE'S DELIBERATIONS, IF IT IS ANOTHER LAW THAT IT
3 SIMPLIFIES RATHER THAN MAKES MORE COMPLEX THIS AREA.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IS THE DEPARTMENT WORKING ON REFORMING
6 THE FEDERAL WELFARE AND HEALTH POLICIES TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE?
7 INTERNALLY, ARE YOU WORKING ON IT?

8

9 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I DON'T KNOW THAT WE'VE SPECIFICALLY
10 ADDRESSED THAT ISSUE OTHER THAN THROUGH THIS -- THROUGH
11 COOPERATING WITH THIS COMMITTEE.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I THINK MR. JANSSEN, WE NEED TO ENGAGE THIS
14 PROCESS SO WE HAVE SOMETHING THAT WE CAN WORK ON TO IMPROVE A
15 VERY DYSFUNCTIONAL SYSTEM.

16

17 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MR. SUPERVISOR, WE'LL WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT
18 AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DEVELOP TO BRING BACK FOR THE BOARD TO
19 CONSIDER AS PART OF OUR LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON ANOTHER ISSUE THAT WAS ALSO IN THE
22 NEWSPAPER THIS WEEKEND, THE START-UP COSTS AT THE U.S.C.
23 MEDICAL CENTER STATED THAT THERE MAY BE ANOTHER \$240.5 MILLION
24 ADDED TO THE PRICE TAG BECAUSE THE MEDICAL REPORT RECORDS
25 SYSTEM WILL COST AN ADDITIONAL \$100 MILLION. QUESTION: WHY IS



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1 THE PRICE OF THE PORTABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TWICE THE PRICE
2 THAT THE COUNTY OFFICIALS ESTIMATED BACK IN '98? AND I KNOW
3 YOU WERE NOT HERE, MR. -- DR. GARTHWAITE, SO.

4

5 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** DO YOU KNOW?

6

7 **FRED LEAF:** YEAH, THAT WAS THE INITIAL ESTIMATE THAT WAS MADE
8 IN 1998, OF COURSE. SINCE THEN, DUE TO INFLATION, AS WELL AS
9 FURTHER REVIEW OF THE EQUIPMENT NEEDS, THERE HAVE BEEN SOME
10 INCREASING COSTS. THAT'S WHAT CAUSED THE INCREASE, AND RIGHT
11 NOW --

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** USUALLY WE HAVE AN INFLATION FACTOR WHEN WE
14 BUILD IN A COST.

15

16 **FRED LEAF:** YEAH, THESE COSTS ARE ESTIMATED AND THEY WILL BE --
17 THEY'RE BEING REFINED ALMOST DAILY AS WE GO THROUGH ALL OF OUR
18 EQUIPMENT NEEDS AT THE MEDICAL CENTER, SO THE 105 MILLION IS
19 AN ESTIMATE, AND THE ACTUAL COSTS WILL, OF COURSE, VARY FROM
20 THAT SOMEWHAT.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY DID THE DEPARTMENT NOT FACTOR IN THE ONE-
23 TIME FUNDING OF \$135 MILLION FOR THE REPLACEMENT PROJECT
24 MOVING AND TRANSITION?

25



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1 **FRED LEAF:** ACTUALLY, IT'S 35 MILLION FOR MOVE TRANSITION, I
2 BELIEVE IT WAS A HUNDRED MILLION FOR THE ELECTRONIC MEDICAL
3 RECORDS, AND THE -- IN 1999, I BELIEVE, IN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN
4 THE DEPARTMENT STAFF AND THE C.A.O., THE FORMER DEPARTMENT
5 STAFF MEMBERS AGREED TO FUND ALL OF THESE COSTS OUT OF
6 OPERATING -- OPERATIONAL -- OUR OPERATIONAL BUDGET. HOWEVER,
7 THE TWO INDIVIDUALS THAT DID THAT NEVER FOLLOWED THROUGH WITH
8 ANY FURTHER WORK UNTIL, I BELIEVE IT WAS SEPTEMBER OF '01 WHEN
9 WE FIRST DETERMINED THIS WAS ACTUALLY COMMITTED TO.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTED THE BOARD TO
12 APPROVE THE ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS SYSTEM WITHOUT
13 IDENTIFYING THE \$100 MILLION FUNDS REQUIRED FOR THE PROJECT?

14

15 **FRED LEAF:** I DON'T BELIEVE WE'VE REQUESTED THAT YET, HAVE WE,
16 DR. GARTHWAITE? THE ACTUAL E.M.R., WE HAVEN'T REQUESTED THAT
17 TO BE APPROVED AT THIS TIME?

18

19 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** NO, NOT YET. BUT NOT BACK DURING THE
20 DESIGN PHASE, IT WASN'T IN THERE, I GUESS, IS WHAT YOU'RE
21 SAYING.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDING THAT THE \$103
24 MILLION SURPLUS BE ALLOCATED TO FURNISHING THE NEW HOSPITALS,
25 AND DOES THAT INCLUDE THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS?



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2 **FRED LEAF:** WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT APPROXIMATELY \$105 MILLION
3 FROM THE SURPLUS BE ALLOCATED TO FURNISH THE NEW HOSPITAL, AS
4 OUTLINED IN MR. JANSSEN'S MEMO IN AUGUST.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES THAT INCLUDE THE --

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8 **FRED LEAF:** THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE \$105 MILLION NO.

9

10 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** NO IT DOES NOT.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT CHANGES WOULD OCCUR -- WOULD NEED TO
13 OCCUR IN THE ACCUMULATED CAPITAL OUT-LIE FUND FOR THE FUTURE
14 ACQUISITION OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE MEDICAL CENTER
15 REPLACEMENT PROJECT?

16

17 **FRED LEAF:** I BELIEVE, AS INDICATED IN YOUR MEMO, MR. JANSSEN,
18 THE CURRENT FUND DOESN'T ADDRESS, I BELIEVE, FURNISHINGS,
19 CERTAIN FURNISHINGS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT THAT ARE NOT RELATED
20 TO SPECIFIC MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.

21

22 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** TRANSITION, MOVING COSTS, AND ELECTRONIC
23 MEDICAL RECORDS. ABOUT \$135 MILLION IS NOT ACCOUNTED FOR YET.

24



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1 **FRED LEAF:** AND DOESN'T -- ISN'T ALLOWED TO BE -- EXPENSES
2 AREN'T ALLOWED UNDER THE CURRENT A.C.O. FOR THOSE PARTICULAR--
3

4 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** CORRECT.

5

6 **FRED LEAF:** YEAH RIGHT.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY ARE WE NOT BETTER INFORMED ON A LOT OF
9 THESE ISSUES AND WHY IS IT THAT WE HAVE TO READ A NEWSPAPER TO
10 GET SOME OF THESE FACTS?

11

12 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR, I DIDN'T SEE THE
13 ARTICLE THIS WEEKEND ON THIS ISSUE, BUT IN NOVEMBER OF LAST
14 YEAR, BEFORE THE BOARD AWARDED THE CONTRACT FOR THE BUILDING,
15 I THINK IT WAS SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY ASKED US SPECIFICALLY
16 WHAT WAS OUR PLAN TO OPEN THE BUILDING, BECAUSE WE HAD
17 IDENTIFIED A \$200 MILLION SHORTFALL IN THE OPERATIONS, AND OUR
18 ANSWER AT THAT TIME WAS, FRANKLY, WE DON'T KNOW, BUT WE HAVE A
19 STRATEGY FOR HOW WE'RE GOING TO DEAL WITH IT, AND THAT WAS
20 PART OF THE NOVEMBER 25TH MEMO TO THE BOARD THAT FRED
21 INDICATED. SO AT THE TIME OF THE ISSUING THE CONTRACT, WE DID
22 INFORM THE BOARD EXACTLY WHAT THE COSTS WOULD BE, WHERE WE
23 WERE, AND HOW WE WERE GOING TO GO ABOUT IDENTIFYING THE MONEY.
24 IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR, WHEN YOU HAD THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
25 WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WE IDENTIFIED AT THAT TIME \$50



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1 MILLION THAT COULD BE SET ASIDE BASED ON THE FORECAST, WHICH
2 HAD BEEN IN THE NOVEMBER MEMO AND THEN WE IDENTIFIED ANOTHER
3 55 IN JULY. SO I'M NOT SURE WHO WROTE THE ARTICLE, BUT THEY
4 MAY NOT HAVE HAD ACCESS TO THESE MEMOS AT THE TIME THEY DID
5 IT. THAT WOULD BE MY EXPLANATION.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON NOVEMBER 25TH, '02, YOU ADVISED THE BOARD
8 OF AN ESTIMATED \$240.5 MILLION IN ONE-TIME START-UP COSTS
9 WHICH HAD INCLUDED THE \$105.3 MILLION FOR NON-FIXED MEDICAL
10 EQUIPMENT, FURNISHINGS AND FURNITURE.

11

12 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** CORRECT, AND THAT'S THE 105 THAT WE HAVE
13 TENTATIVELY SET ASIDE IN AN A.C.O. FUND RIGHT NOW FOR THAT
14 PURPOSE. WE MAY DECIDE, SUPERVISOR, IN A YEAR OR TWO, THAT WE
15 NEED THAT MONEY TO RUN THE DEPARTMENT, AND WE'LL LOOK AT DEBT
16 FINANCING SOME OF THE EQUIPMENT AS AN ALTERNATIVE. IT'S NOT
17 PREFERRED, BUT IT IS AN OPTION AVAILABLE THAT WE HAVE IN A
18 COUPLE OF YEARS IF WE NEED THE MONEY FOR SOMETHING ELSE.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THOSE ARE THE QUESTIONS I HAD ON THE MEDICAL
21 SUPERVISOR BURKE. ON ITEM 58-F, THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER
22 AFFAIRS CURRENTLY HAS THE ABILITY TO IMPOSE PUBLIC EDUCATION
23 AND GOVERNMENT FEES WHEN CONTRACTS ARE RENEGOTIATED WITH CABLE
24 COMPANIES. THEY ARE TYPICALLY NOMINAL AND ARE USUALLY NOT
25 PASSED ON TO THE CONSUMER. THESE FEES CAN BE USED FOR CAPITAL



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1 EXPENDITURES TO SUPPORT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING. THESE MONEYS
2 WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF
3 EDUCATION. MANY OF THE CITIES ARE CURRENTLY LEVYING THIS
4 CALLED 'PEG FEE' WITH THE REVENUE COLLECTED GOING TO LOCAL
5 SCHOOL DISTRICTS. THE COUNTY SHOULD BE MORE PROACTIVE IN
6 COLLECTING THESE REVENUE SOURCES TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOLS UNDER
7 THE AUSPICES OF THE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION. AND I KNOW
8 THAT'S LIKE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS.
9 AND WHILE THE DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMED ME THAT THIS PROCESS
10 COULD TAKE AS LONG AS TWO YEARS, THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE
11 BECAUSE THE COUNTY HAS BEEN DISCUSSING THESE ISSUES FROM TIME
12 TO TIME IN THE PAST AND I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT THE BOARD
13 DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO REPORT BACK ON
14 THIS ISSUE, OF INCLUDING IT IN THEIR NEGOTIATIONS WITH CABLE
15 FRANCHISES, THE INCLUSION OF THE PEG FEES FOR THE SPECIFIC
16 PURPOSE OF FUNDING EXPENDITURES RELATED TO EDUCATIONAL
17 PURPOSES AND THAT THE L.A. COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION WORK
18 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND REPORT BACK ON
19 THIS IN 45 DAYS.

20
21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THAT A STRAIGHT REPORT-BACK OR?

22
23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** STATE REPORT YEAH.



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YEAH, OKAY, IT'S MOVED. IS IT SECOND? IT'S
2 MOVED AND SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ARE WE
3 APPROVING THE ITEM?

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE THAT
8 THAT ITEM BE APPROVED. WITH THE AMENDMENT.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE ON ITEM
11 15 BECAUSE, AS I SAID, THIS WAS A HOLIDAY WEEKEND. WE HAD
12 RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION ON THURSDAY, AND THERE HAS BEEN NO
13 TIME TO DISCUSS THIS. I HAD A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION WITH THE
14 C.A.O., VERY PRELIMINARY, AND I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOME MORE
15 INFORMATION, AND INFORMATION THAT WE WOULD DISCUSS THAT YOU
16 COULD SUBMIT TO THE BOARD ON THAT ISSUE.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL ISN'T THERE SOME SENSE OF URGENCY?

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR, FIRST OF ALL, LET ME
21 APOLOGIZE FOR STEPPING ON YOUR MOTION TO CONTINUE. I JUST
22 WANTED THE BOARD TO CONSIDER AT THE SAME TIME THAT -- AND IT
23 DID COME LAST WEEK, THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT IT WOULD HAVE
24 BEEN PREFERABLE TO BE ABLE TO DELIVER THE DOCUMENT IN A MUCH
25 QUICKER TIME, BUT IT HAS LITERALLY BEEN NEGOTIATED AMONG MANY



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1 PARTIES FOR THE LAST MANY MONTHS, AND UP TO THURSDAY OF LAST
2 WEEK. THE CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE UP
3 THE APPROVAL OF THIS DOCUMENT ON THURSDAY OF THIS WEEK, A
4 COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON I THINK MONDAY OR TUESDAY OF NEXT WEEK,
5 AND THE FULL COUNCIL NEXT WEEK AS WELL, SO IT WAS AN
6 OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO TAKE THE FIRST BITE OF THE APPLE, IF YOU
7 WILL, TO APPROVE THE DOCUMENT AHEAD OF EVERYONE ELSE AND
8 HOPEFULLY SET THE STRUCTURE FOR WHAT IS ACTUALLY APPROVED, AND
9 WE DON'T HAVE FURTHER CHANGES IN THE DOCUMENT. AND THAT'S
10 REALLY WHAT I WANTED YOU TO BE ABLE TO CONSIDER AT THIS TIME.
11 I DO THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE GO AHEAD.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE A COUPLE PEOPLE WHO'VE ASKED TO
14 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. MAYBE WE SHOULD CALL THEM UP AT THIS TIME.
15 JIM THOMAS AND MARSHA MELBOURNE-- MARTHA MELBOURNE.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHILE THEY'RE COMING UP, MADAM CHAIR, COULD
18 WE HAVE SOMEBODY AT LEAST DESCRIBE WHAT IT IS, THE CENTRAL
19 PROVISIONS OF IT?

20

21 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YEAH. I'D BE HAPPY TO DO THAT. AND KAREN IS
22 HERE, THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE AS WELL TO DO THAT. THE
23 JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY WOULD BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE BOARD
24 OF SUPERVISORS AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE
25 REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY IS ACTUALLY THE CONTRACTING PARTY. SO THE



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1 J.P.A. WILL BE COMPOSED OF L.A. COUNTY AND THE REDEVELOPMENT
2 AGENCY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. THERE WILL BE FIVE MEMBERS
3 ON THE J.P.A. ONLY FOUR WILL BE VOTING MEMBERS: TWO FROM THE
4 REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, TWO FROM THE COUNTY. COUNTY MEMBERS ARE
5 THE FIRST DISTRICT SUPERVISOR AND THE C.A.O. THE FIFTH MEMBER
6 OF THE BODY IS AN APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR. THAT PERSON
7 DOES NOT HAVE A VOTE. THE PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE
8 J.P.A. IS TWOFOLD: TO DEVELOP FOUR PROPERTIES ON GRAND AVENUE,
9 TWO OWNED BY THE C.R.A., TWO OWNED BY THE COUNTY, AND TO
10 DEVELOP, PURSUE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PARK PROPERTY, WHICH IS THE
11 PROPERTY THAT ESSENTIALLY RUNS BEFORE -- BETWEEN THE CITY
12 WATER BUILDING AND CITY HALL. AND THEY DO THIS IN THE
13 FOLLOWING FASHION. ATTACHED TO THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT IS A
14 CONCEPTUAL DESIGN PROPOSAL, BOTH FOR GRAND AVENUE AND FOR THE
15 PUBLIC PARK. ONCE THIS AGREEMENT IS APPROVED, THE J.P.A. WILL
16 SOLICIT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR THE PARK PROPERTY AND FOR
17 THE FOUR PARCELS ON GRAND AVENUE. THEY HIRE AN APPRAISER TO DO
18 AN EVALUATION OF THE RELATIVE COST OF THE PROPERTIES ON GRAND
19 AVENUE AND THAT WILL BE USED AS A BASIS FOR SHARING ANY
20 POTENTIAL REVENUE THAT COMES FROM THOSE PROPERTIES BETWEEN THE
21 CITY AND THE COUNTY. ONCE THE DEVELOPMENT, THE J.P.A. DECIDES
22 ON A DEVELOPER FOR EACH OF THESE, THE INFORMATION IS DEVELOPED
23 TO THE E.I.R. LEVEL SO THAT YOU ACTUALLY HAVE SOMETHING THAT
24 AN E.I.R. CAN BE DISTRIBUTED ON. IT COMES BACK TO THE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS, GOES BACK TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR



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1 APPROVAL. THAT'S YOUR SOLE DISCRETION. IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT
2 FOR ANY REASON, YOU DON'T HAVE TO APPROVE IT, YOU SEND IT
3 BACK, YOU SAY, "DO IT DIFFERENTLY, I DON'T LIKE THIS
4 PROVISION, I WANT YOU TO DO THAT," BUT THE IDEA IS TO
5 STREAMLINE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PARCELS SO THAT A ENTITY
6 DOESN'T HAVE TO WORK SEPARATELY WITH THE CITY, SEPARATELY WITH
7 THE COUNTY, BUT CAN WORK WITH THE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY. SO
8 IT GIVES THE AUTHORITY THE ABILITY TO GO AHEAD AND EXPEDITE
9 THE DEVELOPMENT, BUT IT RETAINS FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
10 AND THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY THE ACTUAL APPROVAL OF THE FINAL
11 PRODUCT SO THAT YOU DON'T -- YOU'RE NOT APPROVING SOMETHING
12 NOW WITHOUT HAVING SEEN IT IN THE FINAL IMPLEMENTATION. ONCE
13 THE CONTRACTING PARTIES, THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, AND THE
14 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVE THE PLAN, IT THEN GOES BACK TO
15 THE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY. THE FOUR PROPERTIES ON GRAND
16 AVENUE ARE LEASED TO THE J.P.A., THEY ARE NOT -- OWNERSHIP IS
17 NOT TRANSFERRED, FEE TITLE REMAINS WITH THE COUNTY AND THE
18 CITY, AND THEY ARE THEN LEASED IN SOME FASHION, DEPENDING ON
19 WHAT THE PROPOSAL IS TO THE DEVELOPERS. THE PARK PROPERTY DOES
20 NOT TRANSFER TO THE J.P.A., IT REMAINS UNDER THE OWNERSHIP OF
21 THE COUNTY THROUGHOUT, AND WE WILL WORK AT SOME LATER POINT
22 ONCE WE HAVE THE DEVELOPMENT PLANS ON HOW THE COUNTY WILL
23 CONTRACT WITH A 501C3 OR MANAGE THE PARK OPERATIONS OURSELVES.
24 WE HAVE A LOT OF OPTIONS WHEN IT COMES TO THAT. SO DEVELOPMENT
25 OF PARK PROPERTY STARTS RIGHT AWAY. THAT PROPERTY REMAINS



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1 UNDER THE OWNERSHIP OF THE COUNTY, BUT THE J.P.A. HAS THE
2 RESPONSIBILITY TO DEVELOP IT. THAT, IN A NUTSHELL IS WHAT THE
3 J.P.A. IS INTENDED TO ACCOMPLISH.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, BEFORE WE GET TO THE PUBLIC
6 HEARING I JUST WANT TO ASK A COUPLE -- I HAVE NOT SEEN THE
7 CONCEPTUAL ATTACHMENT. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE A COPY OF IT
8 HANDY BUT I'D LIKE TO TAKE A LOOK AT IT. WHAT ARE WE
9 COMMITTING OURSELVES TO WITH THAT ATTACHMENT? ALL OF THE
10 PREVIOUS STUFF THAT I'VE READ NEVER HAD ANY ATTACHMENTS, SO
11 THIS IS THE FIRST TIME.

12

13 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT DOCUMENT HAS ACTUALLY BEEN IN EXISTENCE
14 FOR MONTHS.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, WELL I --

17

18 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT'S BEEN IN EXISTENCE
19 FOR MONTHS.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT JUST MEANS I'M INCOMPETENT, THAT'S ALL,
22 YOU KNOW, BUT, THE PEOPLE OF THE THIRD DISTRICT ELECTED ME
23 EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T READ THIS THREE MONTHS AGO, SO I'D LIKE
24 TO KNOW WHAT'S IN IT NOW, WITHOUT TAKING --

25



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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MARTHA DO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT WHAT'S IN THE
2 CONCEPTUAL PLAN?

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4 **MARTHA WELBORN:** I'M HAPPY TO TALK ABOUT THAT. I'M MARTHA
5 WELBORN, THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE GRAND AVENUE COMMITTEE.
6 AND WHAT'S WRITTEN IN THE TEXT THERE, IN THAT EXHIBIT, I
7 FORGET THE NUMBER OF THAT -- OR THE LETTER OF THAT -- B,
8 EXHIBIT B, IS A WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF SOME DRAWINGS THAT HAVE
9 BEEN LOOSELY CONCEPTUALIZED TO INDICATE WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN ON
10 THE FOUR PARCELS AND IN THE PARK, AND ALL OF THIS IS REALLY
11 YOU MIGHT THINK OF IT AS RESEARCH OR HOMEWORK DONE. THE
12 DEVELOPMENT PARCELS, WE'RE BASICALLY FOLLOWING AT THE MOMENT
13 ALL EXISTING ZONING, AND THE ENTITLEMENTS FOR THE FOUR PARCELS
14 ARE EXTENSIVE, AS I THINK YOU KNOW, AND THE LAND USES THAT ARE
15 TARGETED FOR THOSE PARCELS ARE EXACTLY WHAT SHOULD BE THERE,
16 WHICH MEANS THAT ON PARCEL Q, WHICH IS WHERE THE JURY PARKING
17 GARAGE IS OWNED BY THE COUNTY, THAT PARCEL IS ENTITLED TO 1.7
18 MILLION SQUARE FEET, AND WE ARE SHOWING A MIXTURE OF USES
19 WHICH ARE ALLOWED ON THAT PARCEL. BUT NONE OF THIS WILL BE
20 KNOWN UNTIL THE DEVELOPER ACTUALLY COMES FORWARD WITH
21 RECOMMENDATIONS. ON YOUR PARCEL W-2, WE'RE ALSO SHOWING AN
22 OFFICE BUILDING. THAT'S WHAT'S DESCRIBED IN THE TEXT. THE TWO
23 C.R.A. PARCELS WOULD BE HOUSING, THAT IS WHAT THEY INTEND FOR
24 THEM AND THAT'S WHAT MAKES THE MOST SENSE UP THERE. ALL OF
25 THIS WOULD HAVE A RETAIL AND ENTERTAINMENT COMPONENT AT THE



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1 GROUND FLOOR LEVELS THAT WOULD BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE MUSIC
2 CENTER AND THE RESTAURANTS THAT EVERYONE IS MISSING RIGHT NOW
3 IN THIS AREA, AND THOSE USES. THE PARK, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE
4 DEVELOPMENT OF A PARK, IT IS NOT TO BE DEVELOPED, IT IS TO BE
5 A PARK, BUT THE NOTION OF IMPROVING THE PARKING GARAGE IS
6 BELOW THE PARK LEVEL, IS INCORPORATED INTO THAT PLAN, AND THEN
7 THE IDEA OF PROGRAMMING THE PARK WITH INTERESTING USES THAT
8 ARE OF INTEREST TO NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES, MAINTAINING IT AND
9 SECURING IT OVER TIME, AND DEVELOPING A FUNDING STREAM THAT
10 WOULD ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN OVER TIME.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. LET ME JUST ASK KAREN, AS I READ THIS
13 JUST NOW, IT APPEARS TO SET KIND OF A -- PARAMETERS, OR
14 PARAMETERS OR A FRAMEWORK ON WHAT THE GOAL IS. DOES IT COMMIT
15 US TO ANYTHING?

16

17 **KAREN:** NO, IT DOESN'T.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. ANYTHING THAT COMES -- ANYTHING THAT
20 IS DEVELOPED BY THE J.P.A. IN THE WAY OF A FINAL PLAN HAS TO
21 COME BACK TO THE BOARD, AT LEAST ON THE COUNTY SIDE OF THINGS,
22 HAS TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL, IS THAT RIGHT?

23

24 **KAREN:** THAT'S CORRECT, WHAT YOU KNOW NOW.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO NOTHING CAN BE APPROVED DOWN THE LINE
2 WITHOUT THE BOARD'S CONSENT?

3

4 **KAREN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. SECOND QUESTION IS, I DON'T KNOW
7 WHETHER YOU CAN SHED SOME LIGHT ON THIS OR MAYBE MR. THOMAS OR
8 MISS WELBORN CAN, WHAT IS THE -- UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, WHAT IS
9 THE CAPABILITY OR THE CAPACITY OF THE J.P.A. TO INCUR DEBT AND
10 WHAT IS THE CAPACITY, AND IF THEY CAN INCUR DEBT, CAN THEY
11 INCUR DEBT THAT MAKES US, THE COUNTY ITSELF, LIABLE FOR THE
12 DEBT WITHOUT THE BOARD'S CONSENT? IN OTHER WORDS, CAN MR.
13 JANSSEN AND MS. MOLINA COMMIT THE COUNTY TO MILLIONS OF
14 DOLLARS OF DEBT WITHOUT THE REST OF US APPROVING IT?

15

16 **KAREN:** NO. BY THIS DOCUMENT, THEY ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO INCUR
17 DEBT OR TO MAKE THE COUNTY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DEBT THAT THEY
18 MAY INCUR.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THERE'S NOTHING THAT THEY COULD DO AS A
21 J.P.A. THAT WOULD GRANT THEM THAT AUTHORITY WITHOUT THE
22 BOARD'S APPROVAL. IS THAT YOUR UNDERSTANDING?

23

24 **KAREN:** THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, YES.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL MAYBE THAT WAS THE WRONG QUESTION. IS
2 IT MORE THAN YOUR UNDERSTANDING? I MEAN YOU'VE READ AND
3 WRITTEN THIS, I ASSUME, OR AT LEAST READ IT AND PROVIDED
4 INPUT.

5

6 **KAREN:** THAT'S CORRECT, THEY CANNOT INCUR DEBT.

7

8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ALL THOSE PROVISIONS WERE TAKEN OUT OF THE
9 DOCUMENT. THEY WERE IN THERE AT ONE POINT, AND 4.04 SAYS THE
10 OBLIGATIONS OF THE AUTHORITY SHALL NOT BE THE OBLIGATIONS OF
11 THE CONTRACTING PARTIES.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. LAST QUESTION IS, THE TERM OF THE
14 J.P.A., IS THERE A LIMITED TERM FOR THE J.P. A.?

15

16 **KAREN:** IT'S UNLIMITED AT THIS POINT. IT WOULD SELF-DESTRUCT IN
17 TWO YEARS IF NO DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS ARE ENTERED INTO.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** NO DEVELOPMENT? NO DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS AND
22 TERMINATE IN TWO YEARS?

23

24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** CORRECT.

25



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1 **KAREN:** IT'LL TERMINATE AUTOMATICALLY IN TWO YEARS.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE:** NOW THE PARK SITUATION AS IT RELATES TO STAYING
4 WITH THE COUNTY THEN, YOU KNOW, IS IT SEPARATE FROM THE
5 J.P.A.?

6

7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THE PARK PROPERTY DOES NOT TRANSFER TO THE
8 J.P.A., BUT THE J.P.A. HAS A RESPONSIBILITY, AND YOU'RE RIGHT,
9 A USED DEVELOPMENT, LOOSELY. THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE PARK
10 PROPERTY IS AN OBLIGATION OF THE J.P.A. AND IS TO BEGIN RIGHT
11 AWAY.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** SO THIS ITEM IS MORE OF A MEMBERSHIP OR STRUCTURAL
14 MAKEUP OF THE AUTHORITY. ANY PROJECT WITHIN THE AUTHORITY
15 WOULD ULTIMATELY HAVE TO COME BACK HERE TO THE BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS.

17

18 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ABSOLUTELY CORRECT. THIS IS THE STRUCTURE, THE
19 PROCESS FOR GETTING US MOVING.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THE FIFTH MEMBER DOES NOT HAVE A VOTE?

22

23 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT IS CORRECT.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** EVEN SCHWARZENEGGER?



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1

2 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** EVEN SCHWARZENEGGER WOULDN'T GET A VOTE.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I HAD ONE CONCERN THAT I'M NOT SURE WHETHER
5 IT WAS PASSED ON TO YOU BY THE C.A.O., BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE
6 AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH SOME UPDATE ON EXACTLY WHAT THE JOINT
7 POWERS AUTHORITY IS DOING IN TERMS OF AND NOT NECESSARILY THAT
8 THEY HAVE HAD SPECIFIC ACTION, BUT IF THERE IS AN R.F.P. OUT,
9 TO GIVE US SOME IDEA OF WHAT THAT R.F.P. PROVIDES, IF THERE'S
10 SOME TENTATIVE PLANS THAT ARE DEVELOPED THAT WE WOULD HAVE
11 THAT, AND I KNOW THAT MINUTES WILL PROBABLY COME TO US, BUT I
12 DON'T THINK THAT MINUTES GET THE KIND OF ATTENTION. I WOULD
13 LIKE TO HAVE SOME VERY SPECIFIC, AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE
14 BEST WAY TO DO THAT, WHETHER OR NOT IT IS A WRITTEN REPORT OR
15 A REPORT OF SOMEONE WHO COMES IN BEFORE US EVERY MONTH TO KEEP
16 US ADVISED EXACTLY AS TO WHAT'S HAPPENING, OR IF THE C.A.O.
17 MAYBE CAN PROVIDE THAT IN HIS REPORT TO US.

18

19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE'LL MAKE SURE, SUPERVISOR, THAT WE ADDRESS
20 THAT RIGHT AWAY. MONTHLY IS PROBABLY TOO FREQUENT RIGHT NOW
21 BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME, BUT WE CERTAINLY CAN
22 MAKE ALL THE DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE ON A REGULAR BASIS AS THEY
23 ARE RELEASED PUBLICLY, WE'LL MAKE COPIES FOR EVERY BOARD
24 OFFICE, AND THEN DEVELOP A REPORTING MECHANISM, EITHER
25 QUARTERLY OR WHATEVER MAKES SENSE SO THAT THE BOARD IS FULLY



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1 INFORMED ALL THE WAY ALONG AND YOU DON'T JUST SUDDENLY, AFTER
2 A YEAR OR TWO, HAVE A PLAN DUMPED ON YOU.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE J.P.A. IS SUBJECT TO THE BROWN ACT IS
5 THAT?

6

7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES, IT IS.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO ANY OF OUR STAFFS CAN FOLLOW THIS.

10

11 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES, ABSOLUTELY.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THAT WAS MY ONLY CONCERN.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I -- ONE OF THE HANDOUTS THAT WAS GIVEN,
16 EXHIBIT A, DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTIES, IS BLANK, SO, AGAIN,
17 WAITING A WEEK SO WE CAN HAVE THE DESCRIPTIONS AND WE KNOW
18 WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MAKES MORE SENSE THAN A RUSH TO
19 JUDGMENT. THERE'S NO URGENCY ON THAT AND I MIGHT ASK MR.
20 JANSSEN WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF NO J.P.A. WERE APPROVED, WHAT
21 WOULD BE THE PROCESS TO DEVELOP THE PROPERTIES THAT WE ARE
22 TALKING ABOUT?

23

24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IF THERE WERE NO J.P.A. APPROVED, THEN THE
25 CITY WOULD DO ITS OWN THING. THE COUNTY WOULD DO ITS OWN THING



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1 WITH RESPECT TO ITS PROPERTIES. THERE MAY OR MAY NOT BE ANY
2 COORDINATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT. I THINK THE WHOLE IDEA IS,
3 SINCE THERE IS SUCH A HUGE INVESTMENT DOWNTOWN NOW BY THE
4 COUNTY WITH DISNEY HALL, BY THE CITY, WITH ALL OF ITS
5 PROPERTIES, THAT AT THIS POINT, WITH A FEW REMAINING
6 PROPERTIES, THAT THE DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE COORDINATED, AND
7 THAT THE IMPROVEMENT OF ALL THE PROPERTIES DOWNTOWN IS IN ALL
8 OF OUR INTERESTS. FROM MY STANDPOINT, I'D LIKE TO MAKE A
9 LITTLE MONEY, FRANKLY. THAT PARKING LOT THAT WE HAVE SITTING
10 THERE WITH THE ERECTOR SIT ON IT HAS BEEN SITTING THERE VACANT
11 FOR A VERY LONG PERIOD OF TIME. IT'S VERY DIFFICULT FOR US TO
12 GO OUT AND GET THAT PROPERTY DEVELOPED. WE'RE JUST NOT REALLY
13 GOOD AT THAT. WE SOLD THE CATHEDRAL, A PIECE OF PROPERTY THAT
14 WAS VERY NICE, WE GOT MARKET VALUE FOR IT, BUT MAYBE IF WE'D
15 HAD A J.P.A. TO DEVELOP IT FOR US, IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A BETTER
16 SOLUTION. I DON'T KNOW. SO WE DO THINK IT'LL BE --

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WE COULD -- 90% OF THE PROPERTY IS COUNTY
19 PROPERTY.

20

21 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL NO, WELL IF YOU INCLUDE THE PARK THAT'S
22 CORRECT, BUT THE DEVELOPMENT --

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT, OKAY, SO ABOUT 90% OF THE PROPERTY IS
25 COUNTY PROPERTY, AND YOU HAVE ABOUT --



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1

2 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** BUT THE PARK PROPERTY'S NOT BEING --

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** A COUPLE OF PARKING LOTS ARE L.A. CITY
5 PROPERTY.

6

7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL THE ONLY PARCELS THAT ARE BEING DEVELOPED
8 ARE TWO CITY AND TWO COUNTY. THE PARK PROPERTY IS NOT BEING
9 DEVELOPED.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE J.P.A. AREA, THOUGH.

12

13 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THE J.P.A. AREA IS PRIMARILY COUNTY.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING. AND THAT'S WHY
16 I THINK A WEEK'S TIME TO DISCUSS THIS, GET A LITTLE MORE
17 INFORMATION AND HAVE IT JUST BROUGHT BEFORE US, MAKES MORE
18 SENSE. I KNOW THERE'S BEEN DISCUSSION ABOUT BUILDING A NEW
19 HALL OF ADMINISTRATION, THAT'S BEEN GOING ON FOR YEARS. I KNOW
20 THERE ARE PROBLEMS WITH HOW YOU'RE GOING TO REFURBISH THIS
21 BUILDING FROM THE EARTHQUAKE AND IF IT'S COST EFFECTIVE TO DO
22 THAT AND ALSO YOU HAVE THE PROBLEM WITH THE COURT. ALL OF
23 THESE ISSUES HAVE TO BE RESOLVED, BUT HAVING A ONE-WEEK DELAY
24 WOULD ALLOW FURTHER DIALOGUE ON A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE THAT
25 DIRECTLY IMPACTS THE COUNTY.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS, THIS HAS BEEN
5 AN IDEA THAT HAS BEEN AROUND FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME. I
6 THINK IT HAS PROBABLY BEEN MORE CRYSTALLIZED MORE RECENTLY AS
7 THE GRAND AVENUE COMMITTEE HAS COME TOGETHER. BUT CERTAINLY
8 WHEN I JOINED THE BOARD IN 1991, THERE WAS THE IDEA THAT
9 HOPEFULLY A DEVELOPMENT WOULD START ON OUR PARTICULAR PIECE OF
10 PROPERTY, AND IT MIGHT BE A HOTEL THAT MIGHT GO THERE. THERE
11 WAS MOVEMENT IN THAT DIRECTION. UNFORTUNATELY, THE ECONOMY
12 DIDN'T SUSTAIN IT AT THAT TIME. I THINK THE OPPORTUNITY THAT
13 WE HAVE HERE, AND EVERYONE IS ALWAYS NERVOUS WHEN WE'RE
14 INVOLVED IN A JOINT DEVELOPMENT, BECAUSE YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE
15 THAT YOUR OUTCOMES ARE GOING TO BE POSITIVE FOR BOTH OF THE
16 PARTIES ARE INVOLVED. WE TOOK MAJOR EFFORT IN TRYING TO DEVISE
17 AN AGREEMENT THAT DID EXACTLY ALL OF THOSE THINGS: CREATE AN
18 OPPORTUNITY SO THAT THERE COULD BE PLANNING TOGETHER, THERE
19 COULD BE AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE KIND OF SYNERGY THAT EACH
20 PROJECT COULD BRING TO EACH OTHER, HOW IT COULD COMPLEMENT THE
21 CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE ALREADY THERE, HOW IT CAN
22 COMPLEMENT WHAT HAS BEEN A GOAL OF NOT ONLY THE CITY, BUT
23 EVERYONE IN LOS ANGELES IN CREATING A KIND OF A 24-HOUR
24 ENVIRONMENT, CREATING A NIGHT LIFE IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.
25 AND SO WE KNOW THESE PROPERTIES HAVE BEEN THERE, AS DAVID JUST



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1 MENTIONED, THE CATHEDRAL PROPERTY WAS THERE BEFORE, BUT WE
2 HAVE NOT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY MAKE THEM HAPPEN. I
3 THINK BY BRINGING TOGETHER BOTH THE CITY AND THE COUNTY, WHO I
4 THINK EACH DESIRE THE SAME OUTCOME, CREATING A SERIES OF
5 COMPLIMENTARY UTILIZATION OF THOSE PROPERTIES, WHETHER IT BE
6 HOUSING, WHETHER IT BE ENTERTAINMENT, WHETHER IT BE RETAIL,
7 WHETHER IT BE COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES THAT ARE THERE, ALL OF
8 THOSE OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE, BUT THE COMING TOGETHER AND
9 DOING THE PLANNING, I THINK, IS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY. AND IT'S
10 TOUGH TO DO. I MEAN, I HAVE BEEN AS CONCERNED AS ANYONE ELSE
11 AS TO HOW WE WERE GOING TO APPROACH THIS, BUT WE MADE SURE
12 THAT ONCE IT DID COME TOGETHER, WE WERE GOING TO HAVE A
13 MECHANISM BY WHICH WE WENT BACK TO OUR RESPECTIVE, THE ONES
14 THAT GRANTED US THE AUTHORITY TO COME TOGETHER, THAT WE WOULD
15 GO BACK TO THAT, IN THIS INSTANCE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
16 AND HAVE THEM HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT WHAT WE ARE
17 PUTTING TOGETHER AND LOOKING AT ALL THE OPTIONS AND HOPEFULLY
18 IF IT'S GOING TO BE SOMETHING THAT NOT ONLY IS GOING TO BE
19 COMPLIMENTARY, IS GOING TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR THE CITY OVERALL,
20 THAT IT'S GOING TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR THE COUNTY OVERALL, THAT
21 IT IS GOING TO COMPLIMENT OUR CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS, THAT IT'S
22 GOING TO COMPLEMENT GRAND AVENUE AS WE ENVISION IT, AND MORE
23 IMPORTANTLY, THAT IT'S GOING TO HAVE THE KIND OF AMENITIES
24 THAT ARE GOING TO PROVIDE NOT ONLY CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT,
25 BUT THEY'RE GOING TO BE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL LEVELS OF THE



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1 COMMUNITY. I HAVE, FOR A LONG TIME, AS YOU KNOW, HAVE BEEN
2 CONCERNED WITH THE KIND OF MONEY THAT HAS BEEN GOING INTO
3 DISNEY HALL, AND A LOT OF COUNTY MONEY, YET AT THE SAME TIME,
4 YOU KNOW, WE ALL HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE WAY THESE
5 INSTITUTIONS AND THESE CULTURAL FACILITIES ARE BUILT IS
6 BECAUSE OF THE SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE A DUTY AND
7 RESPONSIBILITY TO MOVE THAT FORWARD. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WE
8 HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BENEFIT FROM IT AS WELL BECAUSE WE HAVE
9 THE PROPERTY RIGHT ACROSS THE WAY AND POTENTIALLY WE CAN, IF
10 WE CAN COME TOGETHER AND UNDERSTAND A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN,
11 THAT'LL DO SO. BUT I'M ALSO CONCERNED THAT WE MAY HAVE ONLY
12 HIGH END UTILIZATION, AND THAT IS ONE OF THE REASONS THAT WE
13 INTRODUCE AND PUT THE PARK INTO THE PROPOSAL. CERTAINLY IT
14 WASN'T ANYTHING THAT THEY CAME TO ORIGINALLY. BUT I THINK THAT
15 BY CREATING THIS WONDERFUL MALL THAT WE HAVE AND ALL THE SPACE
16 THAT WE HAVE THERE AND GETTING MORE ACCESS OR CREATING A
17 MECHANISM BY WHICH THERE'S MORE ACCESS BY THE PUBLIC, WE'RE
18 GOING TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO ATTRACT A LARGE NUMBER OF VERY
19 DIVERSE KINDS OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL KINDS OF FOLKS THAT MAY
20 NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD THAT DISNEY HALL TICKET, MAY NOT BE ABLE
21 TO AFFORD TO GO TO THAT 5-STAR RESTAURANT POTENTIALLY THAT MAY
22 BE THERE, BUT WILL HAVE THE ABILITY TO COME AND ENJOY A
23 CULTURAL EVENT, VARIOUS KINDS OF ENTERTAINMENT OPPORTUNITIES,
24 AS WELL AS HOPEFULLY HAVING AN AMBIANCE THAT IS GOING TO BE
25 NOT ONLY BEAUTIFUL AND SPECTACULAR, BUT THAT IS GOING TO BE



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1 OPEN TO EVERYONE ELSE. WE DON'T HAVE THAT REALLY, ANYWHERE IN
2 THE CITY, AS WE SHOULD, AND I THINK WE ENVY IT DRAMATICALLY
3 WHEN WE LOOK AT NEW YORK AND WHEN WE LOOK AT PLACES LIKE SAN
4 FRANCISCO AND MANY, MANY OTHERS. AND SO WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY
5 TO DO THAT, AND THE WAY TO DO IT AT THIS POINT IN TIME AND
6 THIS PLAN THAT IS BEFORE YOU IS TO TRYING TO FIND A WAY THAT
7 THE CITY AND THE COUNTY, WITH WHAT THEY HAVE, THAT IS THE
8 PROPERTY THAT THEY CAN PUT TOGETHER AND HOPEFULLY ATTRACT AND
9 CREATE THE BEST DEVELOPMENT POSSIBLE THAT IS GOING TO ACHIEVE
10 ALL OF OUR GOALS. THIS IS GOING TO BE AN ATTEMPT TO DO THAT,
11 SO THE GRAND AVENUE COMMITTEE, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE J.P.A.,
12 WILL BE LOOKING AT ALL KINDS OF PROPOSALS THAT HOPEFULLY BE A
13 WIN-WIN FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED, AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, THAT IS
14 GOING TO BE RESPECTFUL OF THE KINDS OF GOALS THAT EVERYONE
15 WANTS US TO ACHIEVE. THE UNIONS ARE VERY INTERESTED IN HAVING
16 A SEAT AT THE TABLE AS WELL, THEY'VE TALKED TO US, BUT INSTEAD
17 WHAT WE'VE SAID TO THEM IS WE'RE GOING TO INCORPORATE ALL OF
18 THEIR NEEDS AS WELL. WE'VE LOOKED -- TALKED TO MANY OF THE
19 CITY COUNCIL PEOPLE, LIKE MANY OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
20 HAVE VARIOUS REQUESTS, AND WE'RE GOING TO TRY AND INCORPORATE
21 ALL OF THEM. BUT TRY AND MAKE IT WITHIN ONE PLAN, INTO ONE
22 PROPOSAL THAT HOPEFULLY IS GOING TO COME BACK AND IS GOING TO
23 BE SOMETHING THAT WE CAN ALL BE SUPPORTIVE OF, AND FINALLY SEE
24 THE KIND OF JOINT DEVELOPMENT THAT WE NEED TO SEE ALL LONG
25 GRAND AVENUE THAT IS REALLY GOING TO MAKE THIS CITY THE KIND



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1 OF SPECTACULAR CITY THAT WE'D LIKE IT TO BE. DISNEY HALL, ALL
2 BY ITSELF, IS NOT GOING TO DO THAT. I THINK THAT WE REALLY
3 NEED TO CREATE ALL OF THE COMPLIMENTARY USES SO THAT IT WILL
4 NOT ONLY BE OF BENEFIT TO THE PEOPLE WHO WILL UTILIZE AND
5 BENEFIT FROM DISNEY HALL, BUT REALLY, IT'LL BE SOMETHING THAT
6 WILL BENEFIT EVERY SINGLE RESIDENT OF THE CITY AND THE COUNTY
7 OF LOS ANGELES. SO THAT'S WHAT WE LOOK FORWARD TO BRINGING
8 BACK TO YOU IN A VERY COMPREHENSIVE FASHION, AND IN A WAY THAT
9 YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW EVERY ASPECT,
10 EVERY PART OF THE FINANCING, EVERY PART OF THE OUTCOME. WE'RE
11 HOPING TO BRING A VERY DETAILED PLAN BACK TO YOU, AND SO THAT
12 IS THE INTENTION. THIS IS BASICALLY THE FRAMEWORK, THE
13 BEGINNING FRAMEWORK OF HOW WE ARE GOING TO COME TOGETHER, HOW
14 WE ARE GOING TO WORK TOGETHER, HOW WE ARE GOING TO PROPOSE A
15 PLAN TO BOTH NOT ONLY THE COUNTY AND THE CITY AND TO HOPEFULLY
16 IT'S GOING TO BE A PLAN THAT'S GOING TO BUILD THE KIND OF
17 CONSENSUS AND THE SUPPORT AND NOT ONLY THAT, BUT MAYBE REALLY
18 PRESENT A REAL SHOWCASE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES THAT WE CAN
19 ALL BE VERY PROUD OF. SO THAT'S WHAT TODAY IS. WE'D LIKE TO
20 SEE APPROVAL. WE'VE BEEN -- IT'S BEEN IN DEVELOPMENT FOR A
21 LONG PERIOD OF TIME. DAVID AND HIS STAFF HAVE BEEN VERY
22 INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATING ALL ASPECTS OF IT, AND WE'RE ALL A
23 LITTLE NERVOUS AS WE ALL STEP INTO IT, BUT I THINK WE HAVE AN
24 OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY MAKE SOMETHING HAPPEN, AND IF IT DOESN'T
25 HAPPEN IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS, IT DISSOLVES ALL BY ITSELF, SO



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1 WE NEED TO ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES AND WE NEED TO GET TO WORK. JIM
2 THOMAS HAS BEEN PROVIDING AN AWFUL LOT OF LEADERSHIP IN THAT
3 AREA AND COMING UP WITH ALL DIFFERENT KINDS OF STRATEGIES AS
4 TO HOW TO APPROACH THIS. AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, ELI BRODE HAS
5 BEEN INVOLVED, MARTHA'S BEEN PROVIDING AN AWFUL LOT OF
6 LEADERSHIP AND DIRECTION, AND I'M VERY PROUD OF THE WORK THAT
7 MY STAFF AND THE C.A.O.'S STAFF HAVE DONE ON THIS. AND LIKE I
8 SAID, THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING, THE BEGINNING OF COMING
9 TOGETHER, AND HOPEFULLY BRINGING TO YOU A VERY DETAILED PLAN
10 THAT WILL ANSWER EVERY SINGLE QUESTION AND HOPEFULLY SHOW
11 TREMENDOUS BENEFIT NOT ONLY TO THE COUNTY, BUT TO THE CITY AS
12 WELL.

13

14 **JIM THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIRMAN, IF I MAY, I WANTED TO ADDRESS
15 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. I'M JIM THOMAS. AS SUPERVISOR MOLINA
16 JUST POINTED OUT, I'M CHAIRMAN OF THE GRAND AVENUE COMMITTEE,
17 AND THE THING I WANTED TO EMPHASIZE TO YOU, SUPERVISOR, IS
18 THAT THE WAY I VIEW THIS, IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COUNTY
19 AND THE CITY TO SEE WHAT THEIR OPTIONS ARE FOR THIS PROPERTY.
20 SO WE THINK WE HAVE A VERY GOOD FIX ON TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL
21 FOR THIS PROPERTY THAT FAR OUT-- EXCEEDS ANYTHING THAT THE
22 COUNTY OR THE CITY COULD DO INDIVIDUALLY, AND WHAT WE'RE
23 ASKING FOR HERE IS TO BE ABLE TO START THIS PROCESS AFTER SOME
24 THREE YEARS OF ACTUALLY EXPLORING WHAT THE POTENTIAL IS, AND
25 AS IT'S BEEN POINTED OUT REPEATEDLY, WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING BUT



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1 COME BACK AND SAY, "LOOK, HERE'S WHAT THE POTENTIAL IS" WITH A
2 CONCRETE PLAN, SO WE'RE JUST ASKING FOR APPROVAL TO START THIS
3 PROCESS. WE'VE BEEN LONG DELAYED, WHICH HAS HAD A DETRIMENTAL
4 EFFECT ON OUR ABILITY TO PULL THIS OFF. THERE'S A LOT OF
5 SKEPTICISM IN THE COMMUNITY. SO WE WOULD LOVE TO ANSWER ANY
6 QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE, BUT I THINK THE REAL KEY IS THAT ALL
7 WE CAN DO, REALLY, IS TO PRESENT TO YOU WHAT WE THINK WILL BE
8 THE MOST BENEFICIAL USE OF THIS PROPERTY FOR BOTH THE COUNTY
9 AND THE CITY.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALL RIGHT AND I UNDERSTAND THAT, AND THAT'S
12 WHAT WE NEED TO DO. BUT, YOU KNOW, YOU AND I BOTH KNOW THIS IS
13 NOT GOING TO BE LOW COST HOUSING; IT'S GOING TO BE BASICALLY
14 RELATED TO PERHAPS A NEW HALL ADMINISTRATION, A NEW
15 COURTHOUSE, IT'S GOING TO BE DIRECTED TOWARD SOME PRIVATE
16 BUSINESSES TO STIMULATE TOURISM, ET CETERA, ET CETERA, SOME
17 GOOD ECONOMIC INVESTMENTS. BUT MY CONCERN IS THAT WE -- MY
18 OFFICE JUST RECEIVED IT ON THURSDAY, AND THAT'S WHY I WANTED
19 SOME TIME FOR NEXT TUESDAY TO BE ABLE TO VOTE ON THE ISSUE.
20 BUT AS I SAID, MOST OF THIS IS WITH -- IS COUNTY PROPERTY, AND
21 I -- THE IDEA THAT THE CITY IS GOING TO HAVE TWO MEMBERS AND
22 NOW WE'RE GOING TO BRING IN THE STATE, MAYBE YOU NEED THE
23 STATE BECAUSE OF THE FINANCING OF THE COURTHOUSE BECAUSE THE
24 STATE AND THE COURTS ARE NOW WORKING TOGETHER ON BUILDING NEW
25 COURT FACILITIES, BUT MAYBE THE MAKEUP SHOULD BE THREE COUNTY,



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1 ONE CITY. I DON'T KNOW. WE SHOULD HAVE SOME TIME TO DISCUSS
2 THIS WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND THE PUBLIC AND NEXT
3 WEEK WOULD HAVE BEEN AN APPROPRIATE TIME, IN MY OPINION,
4 BECAUSE, AGAIN, IT WAS JUST A KIND OF A BLANK PIECE OF PAPER
5 THAT WE HAD.

6

7 **JIM THOMAS:** COULD I JUST COMMENT QUICKLY ON A DIFFERENT -- ONE
8 OF THE KEY POINTS IN THIS J.P.A. IS THAT THE CITY AND COUNTY
9 HAVE EQUAL VOTES, BECAUSE WHAT WE'RE REALLY SAYING IS NOTHING
10 CAN GO FORWARD UNLESS THE CITY AND COUNTY BOTH AGREE. SO THAT
11 PROVISION HAS COME ABOUT AFTER A LOT OF CONVERSATION, AND I
12 CAN ASSURE YOU, FROM ALL THE WORK THAT WE'VE DONE, IF WE WERE
13 TO CHANGE THAT, WE WOULD JUST -- MIGHT AS WELL SCRAP THE
14 J.P.A., UNLESS THE COUNTY WERE WILLING TO GIVE THE CITY THE
15 MAJORITY, I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE CITY WOULD NOT ACCEPT. AND
16 I THINK THE WAY WE'VE SET THIS UP, AND REALLY, A KEY POINT IS
17 TO SAY, "LOOK, LET'S NOT PUT THIS IN A FASHION WHERE ONE
18 GOVERNMENTAL BODY CAN PUSH THIS OVER THE OTHER. SO WE WANT TO
19 BE FORCED TO WORK IN A COOPERATIVE FASHION, WHICH I THINK IS
20 THE SMART WAY TO DO THIS. THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, IF I COULD JUST --

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SURE.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** NORMALLY I PROBABLY WOULDN'T DISAGREE WITH
2 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ABOUT A RUSH TO JUDGMENT, BUT I THINK IN
3 THIS CASE PARTICULAR CASE, CLEARLY THIS WHOLE J.P.A. EFFORT
4 HAS NOT BEEN A RUSH TO ANYTHING. IT'S BEEN A SLOW TRAIN WITH
5 NO TRACKS, AND I REALLY PERSONALLY FEEL VERY COMFORTABLE WITH
6 THE FACT OF THE STRUCTURE, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, THAT
7 NOTHING'S GOING TO GO THROUGH WITHOUT COMING BACK THIS WAY
8 WITH THE EXCEPTION, I BELIEVE OF THE PARK, AND I, YOU KNOW,
9 AGAIN, I THINK AFTER ALL THE TIME HAS LAPSED -- [OVERLAPPING
10 VOICES]

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12 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK WHAT -- BUT I MEAN IT STAYS IN THE COUNTY,
13 IT'S SEPARATE FROM THE J.P.A.

14

15 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** BUT IT DOES COME BACK TO YOUR APPROVAL.

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** IT DOES COME BACK AS WELL TOO. SO, I MEAN, I THINK
18 OH FROM A POSITIVE STANDPOINT, YOU KNOW, I DON'T HAVE A
19 PROBLEM MOVING FORWARD WITH IT, YOU KNOW, BUT I WOULD JUST
20 RELY ON THE EXPERTS HERE THAT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN IT, EITHER
21 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WHOEVER. IF A WEEK MAKES A DIFFERENCE, BUT
22 IF IT DOES, THEN I WOULD SUPPORT MOVING FORWARD WITH IT.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, IF I CAN JUST TAKE A --

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** GO RIGHT AHEAD.

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK THE KEY, TO ME, HAS BEEN ON THIS
4 FROM DAY ONE IS THAT, BECAUSE IT'S VERY UNUSUAL TO CREATE THIS
5 KIND OF AN ARRANGEMENT, AND IT'S EVEN MORE UNUSUAL TO TAKE A
6 VALUABLE PIECE OF PROPERTY AND THEN TAKE IT OUT OF OUR HANDS,
7 IF YOU WILL, FOR A PERIOD OF TIME. THAT'S WHY I THINK IT'S
8 CRITICAL THAT THE APPROVAL AUTHORITIES ON ALL OF THESE
9 PROJECTS, ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE FUNDAMENTAL DECISION MAKING
10 HAVE TO COME BACK TO US, AND I UNDERSTAND THEY ALSO HAVE TO GO
11 BACK TO WHOEVER IN THE CITY, THE C.R.A., AND I THINK THAT'S
12 CRITICAL. I ALSO THINK IT'S CRITICAL FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND,
13 MR. JANSSEN, AND FOR YOU, THAT DESPITE THE FACT THAT THIS IS
14 J.P.A. IN WHICH MR. JANSSEN AND MS. MOLINA OR THEIR OFFICES
15 ARE GOING TO SERVE ON IT, THAT THIS IS A -- PIECES OF PROPERTY
16 THAT ALL OF US HAVE A PASS -- MORE THAN A PASSING INTEREST IN,
17 AND I SURE HOPE THAT OUR INVOLVEMENT IS WELCOME, BECAUSE
18 THERE'S GOING TO BE INVOLVEMENT, AND THAT YOU SHOULD SHARE
19 WITH US, FOR THE VERY REASONS THAT YOU'RE HEARING A LITTLE BIT
20 TODAY, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU SHARE THINGS WITH ALL OF US AT
21 ALL JUNCTURES, BECAUSE EARLY INFORMATION IS BETTER THAN LATE
22 INFORMATION OR NO INFORMATION AT ALL, BECAUSE THIS IS THE
23 CROWN JEWEL OF THE COUNTY'S -- ONE OF THE CROWN JEWELS OF THE
24 COUNTY'S ASSETS, AND NOT TO REHASH THE CATHEDRAL, WHICH WAS
25 ANOTHER CROWN JEWEL, BUT WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT BUILDING A



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1 CATHEDRAL HERE, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A HOTEL OR A PROFIT-MAKING
2 OPERATION, AND IT HAS AN IMPACT ON THE REST OF OUR ASSETS, NOT
3 JUST DISNEY HALL, BUT THIS PROPERTY. SO I KNOW THAT OUR
4 INTEREST WILL BE WELCOMED, EMBRACED, AND LAUDED BY ALL
5 CONCERNED, BUT I THINK THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT AND IT GIVES US A
6 HIGHER LEVEL OF CONFIDENCE AS WE MOVE DOWN THIS. AND I ALSO
7 JUST WANT TO SAY ONE LAST THING. I APPRECIATE THAT JIM HAS --
8 WHO HAD DARKER HAIR WHEN HE STARTED THIS, HAS PERSEVERED,
9 BECAUSE I DO THINK YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE GRAND AVENUE WORLD
10 HAS BEEN VERY IMPORTANT AND CONTINUES TO BE AND WILL CONTINUE
11 TO BE, AND I JUST THANK YOU FOR YOUR PERSEVERANCE AND YOUR
12 PATIENCE AS WE'VE GONE ALONG. WE'LL MAKE A POLITICIAN OUT OF
13 YOU YET. [LAUGHTER].

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ADD ONE OTHER THING. I
16 SUSPECT THAT SOME OF THE CONCERN IS THAT THE CITY MIGHT TRY TO
17 LEVERAGE THE COUNTY IN TERMS OF ITS UTILIZATION OF SOME OF THE
18 COUNTY LAND IN THE EVENT THE CITY DID NOT THINK THAT THAT'S
19 THE WAY THEY WANTED TO GO. SO I THINK IT'S GOING TO BE VERY
20 IMPORTANT THAT THERE NOT BE THAT KIND OF AN ATTEMPT TO TRY TO
21 PREVENT WHAT MIGHT BE A PREFERRED APPROACH BY THE COUNTY WITH
22 THE CITY UTILIZING THIS JOINT POWERS IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY
23 TRY TO IMPEDE WHAT MIGHT BE -- WELL, DETERMINE TO BE A
24 PREFERABLE APPROACH, AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH TALKS ABOUT
25 THIS BUILDING BEING REBUILT, PERHAPS THE COURTHOUSE OR



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1 WHATEVER. IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF THE CITY DECIDED THEY
2 DIDN'T THINK THAT THIS WOULD BE A GOOD USE OF IT, AND AS A
3 RESULT, THEY UTILIZED THIS JOINT POWERS TO TRY TO PREVENT THAT
4 IF, IN FACT, THAT'S WHAT THE COUNTY DETERMINED THEY WOULD WANT
5 TO DO. SO THIS IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE ENTERED IN WITH A LOT OF
6 GOOD FAITH, BUT ALSO RELYING UPON THE FACT THAT THE PARTIES
7 WILL NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AS THE
8 PLAN MOVES FORWARD, AND THAT IT, YOU KNOW, WOULD TRULY BE A
9 JOINT PLAN, BUT KEEPING INTO CONSIDERATION THAT EACH ENTITY
10 DOES HAVE SOME ABILITY TO IMPACT UPON THE USE OF THEIR LAND.
11 AND I HOPE THAT THAT'S WHAT COMES OUT OF THIS.

12

13 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MADAM CHAIR, I THINK YOUR POINT IS VERY WELL
14 TAKEN, AND CERTAINLY THE VOTE WILL MAINTAIN THAT, BUT IN THE
15 FINAL ANALYSIS, WHEN IT COMES BACK TO THE BOARD, IF YOU DON'T
16 LIKE IT, YOU DON'T HAVE TO APPROVE IT, SO WE HAVE ABSOLUTE
17 CONTROL ON THE FINAL ANALYSIS OVER WHAT GOES ON OUR PROPERTY.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. BUT THE LEVERAGE WOULD BE
20 HOLDING EVERYTHING UP FOR TWO YEARS AS A RESULT OF THIS PLAN.
21 I MEAN --

22

23 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, YEAH, IT CAN BE TERMINATED AT ANY TIME.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL WE COULD TERMINATE THE JOINT POWERS AT
2 ANY TIME --

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4 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT DOES NOT HAVE TO GO THE TWO YEARS. NO
7 OKAY.

8

9 **JIM THOMAS:** SUPERVISOR, I MIGHT JUST ADD --

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BY ONE SIDE, OF A JOINT?

12

13 **JIM THOMAS:** EITHER SIDE.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** EITHER SIDE, OKAY.

16

17 **JIM THOMAS:** SUPERVISOR, IF I COULD JUST SAY THAT THE HARDEST
18 PART OF THIS HAS BEEN THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT YOU SUGGEST, AND
19 THAT IS BOTH THE CITY AND COUNTY HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO GO
20 INTO A JOINT DEVELOPMENT. SO I DON'T THINK ONE HAS TRIED TO
21 LEVERAGE THE OTHER. THE THING THAT WE'VE BEEN PREACHING IS
22 THAT BOTH THE CITY AND COUNTY WILL BE BETTER OFF, THAT YOU CAN
23 GET A MUCH BETTER PROJECT IF YOU CONSOLIDATE. IF EITHER OF YOU
24 GO YOUR SEPARATE WAYS, I THINK, FROM MY EXPERIENCE AS A
25 DEVELOPER, YOU WILL GREATLY DIMINISH THE POTENTIAL OF EACH OF



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1 YOUR ASSETS, SO THE CITY'S ANXIOUS TO PROCEED ON THEIR OWN,
2 THE COUNTY'S RELUCTANT TO GET INVOLVED, AND THE GRAND AVENUE
3 COMMITTEE HAS BEEN THE ONE WHO'S PUSHING TO SAY, "LOOK, A MUCH
4 SMARTER APPROACH IS TO DO IT JOINTLY." AND JUST ONE FINAL
5 THING, IF I COULD, TO PICK UP ON YOUR POINT ABOUT KEEPING THE
6 SUPERVISORS INFORMED. THE LAST THING WE WANT TO DO IS COME UP
7 WITH A PLAN AND COME BACK TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND NOT
8 HAVE IT APPROVED. SO IT CLEARLY, WE UNDERSTAND IT'S IN OUR
9 INTEREST TO KEEP THE SUPERVISORS INFORMED SO THERE ARE NO
10 SURPRISES, AND WHEN WE GET TO THE END OF THE ROAD, IT WILL BE
11 SOMETHING THAT EVERYONE HAS PARTICIPATED IN AND HAD AN
12 OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE THEIR INPUT.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I APPRECIATE ALL THE
15 HARD WORK YOU'VE PUT INTO IT, AND I BELIEVE IN THE GOAL AND I
16 BELIEVE THAT THIS MAY BE THE BEST APPROACH TO ACHIEVE IT.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** MADAM CHAIR? I'D LIKE TO MOVE THIS PROJECT
19 FORWARD. WE HAVE BEEN -- IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME IN PUTTING THIS
20 TOGETHER, THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF INVOLVEMENT. I CAN ASSURE YOU
21 THAT AS YOUR REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD, IF YOU THINK THAT
22 MANY OF THESE QUESTIONS HAVEN'T BEEN ALREADY ASKED OF MR.
23 THOMAS, HE IS -- THEY'VE -- WE, AND OF THE CITY AND OF DAVID
24 JANSSEN, BECAUSE WE WANT TO PROVIDE ASSURANCES TO EVERYONE
25 THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS VERY VALUABLE TO THE COUNTY. WE



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1 UNDERSTAND HOW VALUABLE IT IS, BUT I THINK MR. THOMAS IS
2 CORRECT. BY POOLING OUR ASSETS TOGETHER, WE'RE GOING TO COME
3 UP WITH SOMETHING THAT'S GOING TO BE MUCH MORE ENRICHING TO
4 THE COUNTY ITSELF, AND I THINK TO THE CITY OVERALL. I MEAN,
5 THE CITY, NOT THE CITY COUNCIL, BUT I THINK THE BENEFIT OF THE
6 RESIDENTS OF THE CITY AND THE COUNTY. SO WITH THAT, I'D LIKE
7 TO MOVE IT FORWARD.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL SECOND IT.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. CALL THE
12 ROLL, PLEASE.

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14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

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22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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24 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AYE. THE MEASURE IS PASSED, 4-TO-1.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM NUMBER 7.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DON'T LOOK SO STUNNED, JIM. [LIGHT LAUGHTER
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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PETER BAXTER WAS -- ASKED TO SPEAK ON THIS.

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16 **PETER BAXTER:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF YOUR HONORABLE BOARD,
17 MR. JANSSEN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY NAME IS PETER BAXTER,
18 AND I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. IT IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THAT
19 THIS AGENDA ITEM REFERS TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE AT 111 NORTH
20 HILL STREET. THAT PARTICULAR COURTHOUSE IS IDENTIFIED ABOVE
21 THE COURTHOUSE AS BEING A LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT, STANLEY
22 MOSQUE COURTHOUSE. IT IS MY RESPECTFUL POSITION THAT THERE IS
23 NO SUCH ENTITY FORMALLY AS THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT AND
24 A NAME, ANY NAME ABOVE A COURTHOUSE CONTRADICTS THE TRADITION
25 OF MAGNA CARTA IN THE REIGN OF KING JOHN IN 1215, AND THE



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1 STATUTE OF FRAUDS IN 1677, IN THE REIGN OF CHARLES II, AND
2 WHICH TRADITIONS HAVE SECURED TO US IN THE UNITED STATES THE
3 CONCEPT OF EQUAL JUSTICE BEFORE THE LAW. NAMING A CITADEL OF
4 JUSTICE FOR ONE PERSON CREATES THE BELIEF THAT SOME PEOPLE, IN
5 SOME COURTHOUSES, ARE SPECIAL, ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY
6 SUBMITTED. I THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'LL MOVE THAT ITEM,
9 AND SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN, MR. JANSSEN, COULD WE HAVE A
12 REPORT. I UNDERSTAND THAT A NUMBER OF OUR DEPARTMENTS ARE NOT
13 IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FLEET MANAGEMENT RULES OF THE SOUTHERN
14 CALIFORNIA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, AND COULD BE
15 SUBJECT TO FINES. SO COULD YOU GIVE THE BOARD A REPORT AS TO
16 OUR COMPLIANCE, AND IF WE ARE OUT OF COMPLIANCE, WHAT PROCESS
17 AND PROCEDURES WE'RE USING TO BECOME COMPLIANT?

18

19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE'LL DO THAT BY NEXT WEEK.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA? FOR YOUR
22 ADJOURNMENTS AND SPECIALS.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T HAVE ANY ITEMS THAT I HELD, MADAM CHAIR,
25 BUT I DO HAVE AN ADJOURNMENT. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN



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1 IN THE MEMORY OF MISS AVOLINA FARIAS. MISS FARIAS IS THE
2 MOTHER OF NADINE MUNGIO WHO'S BEEN A TIRELESS COMMUNITY
3 ACTIVIST IN MY DISTRICT FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. HER MANY
4 CONTRIBUTIONS INCLUDE THE ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL ASTHAIA, A
5 FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER WHICH IS ACTIVE IN THE MADAVIA ADVISORY
6 COMMITTEE AND THE MADAVIA BUSINESS PERSONS ASSOCIATION.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. I'LL CALL UP -- FIRST OF ALL,
9 MY ADJOURNMENTS. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN
10 IN MEMORY OF EVELYN BIBBY, THE MOTHER OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
11 BASKETBALL COACH HENRY BIBBY, WHO PASSED AWAY AUGUST 27TH,
12 2003, AT HER HOME IN NORTH CAROLINA. SHE WAS 83. SHE WAS ALSO
13 THE GRANDMOTHER OF SACRAMENTO KINGS GUARD, MIKE BIBBY. OUR
14 AQUATIC FOUNDATION HONORED THE COACH LAST YEAR AS ONE OF THE
15 HONOREES WHICH, OF COURSE, HELPS TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR PARKS,
16 AND PARTICULARLY OUR SWIMMING POOLS. AND DOLLY ELIZABETH
17 CALDWELL, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT AND
18 OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY AND ACTIVIST. SHE
19 VOLUNTEERED AT THE WILLOWBROOK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
20 COMMUNITY CENTER WHICH IS NOW KNOWN AS THE WILLOWBROOK SECOND
21 DISTRICT FIELD OFFICE. SHE WAS ALSO A SUNDAY SCHOOLTEACHER AT
22 HAMILTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. SO ORDERED.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO BE ON THAT.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THE -- ON BIBBY'S MOTHER, ALL RIGHT, ALL
2 MEMBERS. LET'S SEE. I'LL CALL UP ITEM 28 FIRST. I THINK --
3 YES, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD MISS CLAVREUL?

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5 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I AM
6 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I WANT TO SPEAK TO THAT ITEM BECAUSE IN
7 THE LAST FEW YEAR WE HAVE BROUGHT A LOT OF NEW PEOPLE TO THIS
8 COUNTY, AND I AM VERY CONCERNED, I HAVE SEEN A LACK OF DUE
9 DILIGENCE ON THE PEOPLE WE HIRE, AND I HOPE IN THIS CASE YOU
10 HAVE DONE YOUR DUE DILIGENCE. PERSONALLY, MYSELF, I HAD A VERY
11 HARD TIME CHECKING MR. DELGADO, BECAUSE IT WAS NOT EVEN A
12 MIDDLE INITIAL IN ANY OF THE LITERATURE WHAT CAME OUT ABOUT
13 HIM, SO I WOULD HAVE, YOU KNOW, LIKED TO KNOW A LITTLE MORE
14 ABOUT HIM. WHEN WE HIRE DR. GARTHWAITE, IT'S OBVIOUS WE DID
15 NOT DO OUR DUE DILIGENCE IN THE COUNTY, BECAUSE IF YOU HAD,
16 YOU WILL HAVE FOUND OUT THAT THE V.A. HAD MAJOR PROBLEMS UNDER
17 MR. GARTHWAITE. ONE OF THEM WAS FORGETTING TO BILL PEOPLE. I
18 GUESS NOW HE'S DOUBLE BILLING INSTEAD OF, YOU KNOW, WHAT HE
19 HAS DONE IN THE PAST. THE INFORMATION SYSTEM AT THE V.A. IS IN
20 A TERRIBLE CHAOS, AND I'M SURE YOU HAVE SEEN NUMEROUS ARTICLE
21 ON THE VETERAN AFFAIR, THEY ARE IN BAD TROUBLE. SO I JUST HOPE
22 THAT MR. DELGADO IS NOT IN THE SAME BOAT, SO I WILL PRESSURE
23 THAT YOU MAKE YOUR CHOICE DILIGENTLY. THANK YOU.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. A MOTION ON THAT ITEM, THAT I'M
2 -- MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
3 SO ORDERED. ITEM 58-C. THIS RELATES TO THE -- A MOTION BY
4 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MYSELF AS FAR AS SPLITTING THE AREA
5 CODES. IS THERE ANY STAFF PERSON WHO HAS ANY QUESTION OR
6 WISHES TO ADD ANYTHING ON THIS? SUPERVISOR KNABE?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** NO. THE REASON I HELD THE ITEM, MADAM CHAIR, FOR
9 YOU AND I IS BOTH 58-C AND D IS THAT JUST TO POINT OUT I THINK
10 A ONE, A SENSE OF URGENCY AND TWO, THE POTENTIAL COSTS TO THE
11 COUNTY AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF BUSINESSES. WE'VE BEEN WORKING
12 VERY HARD, CONGRESSWOMAN HARMON AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN VERY
13 SUPPORTIVE OF THE EFFORTS TO PREVENT THIS, AND THERE'S A
14 SIGNIFICANT DISAGREEMENT IN FRONT OF THE P.U.C. AS IT RELATES
15 TO WHAT'S AVAILABLE AND WHAT'S NOT AVAILABLE, BUT THE
16 POTENTIAL HERE IS A VERY SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN COST TO LOS
17 ANGELES COUNTY IN PARTICULAR. SO I JUST WANTED TO POINT THAT
18 OUT SO THAT IT JUST DIDN'T APPEAR TO BE JUST SOME MOTION THAT
19 YOU AND I WERE OPPOSING THIS, THAT IT IS A VERY BIG ISSUE HERE
20 WITH RESIDENTS AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS BUSINESS.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** SO I WOULD -- WITH THAT, I'D MOVE BOTH ITEMS, 58-C
25 AND D.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED.
3 MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY THAT 58-C AND 58-D BE
4 APPROVED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, 58-C AND 58-D ARE APPROVED. WE
5 HAVE TWO ITEMS FOR HEARING.

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7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD ASK ALL OF THOSE WHO
8 PLAN TO TESTIFY ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS TO PLEASE STAND
9 AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. THAT'S ITEMS 56 AND
10 57. [ADMINISTERING OATH]

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU. PLEASE BE SEATED.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE A STAFF REPORT ON THIS?

15

16 **RICHARD WEISS:** MADAM CHAIR ON ITEM 56, THAT'S MERELY HERE FOR
17 THE BOARD TO ENTERTAIN ANY TESTIMONY, THERE'S NO MANDATORY
18 STAFF STATEMENT.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE TWO PEOPLE WHO'VE ASKED TO SPEAK:
21 MELISSA ORNELAS AND HUGO MORRIS. IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU. STATE
22 YOUR NAME PLEASE.

23

24 **HUGO MORRIS:** EXCUSE ME, I'M HUGO MORRIS, I WAS DIRECTOR OF
25 PUBLIC AFFAIRS FOR THE JOINT COUNCIL OF TEAMSTERS 42, AND I



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1 RETIRED A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, BUT I'M STILL A CONSULTANT TO
2 LOCAL 911 WHICH REPRESENTS THE ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL
3 HEALTH SPECIALISTS. AND WE'VE JUST BEGUN NEGOTIATIONS, AND
4 MELISSA ORNELAS, WHO IS HERE, IS THE CHIEF NEGOTIATOR FOR THAT
5 CONTRACT. AND WE WANTED TO APPEAR TO ALERT YOU TO THE FACT
6 THAT WE ARE INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATIONS. WE DON'T KNOW THE EFFECT
7 OF THE PROPOSAL YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU ON THOSE NEGOTIATIONS, SO
8 WE JUST WANTED TO HAVE SOME SENSE OF ASSURANCE THAT YOU'RE
9 AWARE THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE GOING ON WITH REGARD TO THOSE
10 PERSONNEL. MAY I PRESENT MELISSA TO YOU?

11

12 **MELISSA ORNELAS:** THANK YOU. I WOULD LIKE TO START BY
13 INTRODUCING MYSELF, MELISSA ORNELAS, BUSINESS AGENT WITH
14 TEAMSTERS LOCAL 911. I CAME INTO REPRESENTING THE
15 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS A LITTLE OVER A YEAR AGO AND
16 HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF GETTING TO KNOW ALL THE VARIOUS
17 PLAYERS WITHIN THE COUNTY. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH IS DIFFERENT
18 IN THE FACT THAT THEY ARE SELF-SUBSIDIZED, THEY ARE FEE OFFSET
19 INDIVIDUALS, AND THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NUMBER 56 BEFORE YOU
20 TODAY PROPOSES ONLY A 5% HEALTH FEE INCREASE TO OFFSET THEIR
21 COST. THAT WILL STILL LEAVE THEM WITH 27 VACANT POSITIONS WITH
22 THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE EXISTING STAFF WILL NOT EXPECT THE
23 BURDEN TO ABSORB THOSE ADDITIONAL DUTIES, AND I LOOK FORWARD
24 TO WORKING WITH THE MEMBERSHIP AND THE UNDERSTANDING OF THAT
25 AND HAVING A FRUITFUL NEGOTIATION. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SPEAK



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1 IN FAVOR AND IN GRATITUDE OF YOUR INDIVIDUAL HEALTH DEPUTIES
2 THAT HAVE TAKEN COUNTLESS HOURS IN SPENDING TIME WITH ME IN
3 RELATIONS TO WHERE I AM WITH THIS BARGAINING, AND WHERE I HOPE
4 TO BE. SO WE ARE HERE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE HEALTH FEE,
5 THAT WE HOPE THAT THE CUT IN SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY IS NOT
6 INTENDED TO BE ABSORBED BY THE MEMBERSHIP AS A WHOLE, AND WE
7 WOULD LOOK FORWARD AS THIS BEING A PLATFORM FOR FRUITFUL
8 RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN BOTH PARTIES IN THE FUTURE.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVED BY
11 MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
12 IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE WE NEEDED TO PUT IN ON THAT HEARING?

13

14 **RICHARD WEISS:** NO, MADAM CHAIR.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** JUST THAT TO MOVE THAT THE HEARING IS
17 CLOSED?

18

19 **RICHARD WEISS:** AND ADOPT THE ITEM.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE ITEM IS ADOPTED YES. ON ITEM 57, IS
22 THERE ANYONE WHO WISHES TO SPEAK ON THAT ITEM?

23

24 **RICHARD WEISS:** MADAM, ON THIS ITEM, THERE IS A STAFF -- BRIEF
25 STAFF PRESENTATION.



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2 **JIM PARK:** JIM PARK WITH THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
3 AND RECREATION. GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
4 BOARD. AS I MENTIONED, MY NAME IS JIM PARK. I'M THE ASSISTANT
5 DIRECTOR FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS AT THE DEPARTMENT, AND I'M HERE
6 TO TESTIFY IN FAVOR OF THE COUNTY PROPERTY AT DIAMOND BAR GOLF
7 COURSE. THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, CALTRANS,
8 HAS BEGUN A PROJECT THAT WILL WIDEN THE 57/60 FREEWAY
9 INTERSECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AN INTERCHANGE
10 WHICH WILL BE MORE CONDUCTIVE TO MERGING CAR POOL TRAFFIC.
11 CALTRANS IS PROPOSING TO ACQUIRE A PORTION OF THE DIAMOND BAR
12 GOLF COURSE WHICH ADJOINS THE EXISTING FREEWAY. CALTRANS IS
13 PROPOSING TO ACQUIRE ACTUALLY OR APPROXIMATELY 39,400 SQUARE
14 FEET IN FEE, AND AN ADDITIONAL 4,400 SQUARE FEET FOR DRAINAGE
15 EASEMENT. THE OVERALL TOTAL PROPERTY AT THE GOLF COURSE IS 147
16 ACRES. CALTRANS HAS SUBMITTED AN OFFER OF COMPENSATION IN THE
17 TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$478,143, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 50 --
18 OR, EXCUSE ME, 60,000 FOR THE FEE PROPERTY, 140,624 FOR
19 IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED ON THE FEE PROPERTY, \$6,640 FOR THE
20 EASEMENT, AND 20, OR EXCUSE ME, \$264,000 FOR DEVELOPMENT COSTS
21 REQUIRED TO RECONFIGURE THE GOLF COURSE TO ACCOMMODATE TAKING
22 OF THE FEE PROPERTY. AND FINALLY, \$7,143 IN ACCUMULATED
23 INTEREST. WE HAVE REVIEWED THE APPRAISAL AND HAVE CONCLUDED
24 THAT THE OFFERED AMOUNT IS FAIR TO EFFECT THE NECESSARY
25 RECONFIGURATION OF THE AFFECTED PORTION OF THE GOLF COURSE.



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1 BASED ON THE INFORMATION, WE HAVE DETERMINED THAT THE CALTRANS
2 OFFER IS EQUAL TO THE COST OF ACQUIRING SUBSTITUTE PARKLAND,
3 OF COMPARABLE CHARACTERISTICS, AND OF SUBSTANTIALLY EQUAL SIZE
4 LOCATED IN THE AREA WHICH IT WOULD BE USED FOR AS SUBSTITUTE
5 PARKLAND AND FACILITIES BY GENERALLY THE SAME PERSONS WHO USE
6 THE EXISTING PARKLAND AND FACILITIES. TOGETHER, WITH THE COST
7 OF ACQUIRING THE SUBSTITUTE FACILITIES OF THE SAME TYPE AND
8 NUMBER PLUS THE COST OF DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH PARKLAND AS A
9 SUBSTITUTE, INCLUDING THE PLACING OF SUCH SUBSTITUTE
10 FACILITIES THEREON. THE PORTION OF THE GOLF COURSE BEING
11 ACQUIRED BY CALTRANS IS LESS THAN 10% OF THE OVERALL GOLF
12 COURSE AND IS ALSO LESS THAN AN ACRE. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND
13 THAT THIS SALE BE APPROVED TO IMPROVE THE REMAINDER OF THE
14 GOLF COURSE IN LIEU OF ACQUIRING SUBSTITUTE PARKLAND AND
15 FACILITIES BECAUSE THERE IS NO LAND ADJACENT TO THE GOLF
16 COURSE FOR REPLACEMENT USE. THIS ACTION IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH
17 PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE 5400 EXEC. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT
18 YOUR BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED IN THE BOARD
19 LETTER AND RELATED TO THIS ITEM. THIS CONCLUDES OUR FORMAL
20 TESTIMONY FOR THIS MATTER.

21
22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S MOVED BY KNABE THAT THE
23 HEARING BE CLOSED AND THIS ITEM BE APPROVED. SECONDED BY
24 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. I HAVE AN ITEM I'D
25 LIKE TO INTRODUCE FOR NEXT WEEK. AN ARTICLE APPEARED IN



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1 TODAY'S LOS ANGELES TIMES REPORTING THAT HOMICIDES THIS YEAR
2 HAVE INCREASED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE COUNTY AS
3 KILLINGS HAVE DECREASED WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF
4 LOS ANGELES, AND THIS IS AN ACTUAL JUXTAPOSITION TO WHAT HAS
5 BEEN THE CASE TRADITIONALLY. AND WHILE SOME OF THE
6 UNINCORPORATED AREAS MIRROR LOS ANGELES CITY TERRITORIES AND
7 DEMOGRAPHICS, INCLUDING ETHNIC AND ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS,
8 THE HOMICIDES APPEAR TO BE INCREASING IN THE AREAS WITHIN THE
9 COUNTY SHERIFF'S JURISDICTION. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ARE SCHEDULED TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD
11 NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS THE COST OF ENFORCING GANG INJUNCTIONS.
12 IT WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNE TIME TO REQUEST THAT REPRESENTATIVES
13 ALSO DISCUSS THE INCREASE IN HOMICIDES IN THEIR JURISDICTIONS,
14 ALTHOUGH I RECOGNIZE THAT ALL HOMICIDES ARE NOT GANG-RELATED.
15 THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REQUEST THAT
16 THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BE ASKED TO
17 DISCUSS AT NEXT WEEK'S BOARD MEETING ON THIS TREND AND PROVIDE
18 SOME INPUT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW THE HOMICIDE RATE CAN BE
19 REVERSED AND LOWERED. NOW, I RECOGNIZE THAT THE SHERIFF
20 INDICATED IN HIS RESPONSE THAT THERE HAD BEEN A HUNDRED
21 SHERIFFS REMOVED. I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HOW MANY SHERIFFS
22 HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE UNINCORPORATED AREA SPECIFICALLY.
23 THIS HAS BEEN ONE OF THOSE ISSUES OF GREAT CONCERN TO SOME OF
24 US WHO REPRESENT UNINCORPORATED AREAS, WHERE THE NUMBER OF
25 DEPUTIES ASSIGNED IN UNINCORPORATED IS LESS THAN IN THOSE



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1 AREAS THAT ARE ADJACENT, WHICH ARE UNDER CONTRACT. SO I WOULD
2 LIKE SOME VERY SPECIFIC NUMBERS OF THE NUMBER OF DEPUTIES
3 REMOVED FROM THOSE SPECIFIC UNINCORPORATED AREAS WHERE YOU'VE
4 HAD AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF HOMICIDES. FOR NEXT WEEK.
5 THAT CONCLUDES MY ITEMS. SUPERVISOR KNABE? I'M SORRY,
6 YAROSLAVSKY. PASSING RIGHT OVER YOU.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE
9 MEMORY OF CLARE BICELL, A LONG-TIME TEACHER, VOLUNTEER, AND
10 LEADER IN THE COMMUNITY, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86.
11 SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER TWO SONS, RABBI LEE BICELL AND BEN
12 BICELL. AND TWO BROTHERS, BUD AND ELLIOTT KAHANA, AND FOUR
13 GRANDCHILDREN. THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS ON BEN BICELL.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON HIS MOTHER.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOTHER, YEAH.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M NOT HOLDING ANYTHING, SO...

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, A COUPLE OF ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST OF
24 ALL THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ART JOHNSON, A LONG-TIME
25 REDONDO BEACH RESIDENT AND RETIRED EXECUTIVE OF FORD MOTOR. HE



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1 IS THE HUSBAND OF THE 2003 REDONDO BEACH WOMAN OF THE YEAR AND
2 LEADERSHIP REDONDO BEACH COORDINATOR, JANET JOHNSON. JOHNSON
3 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 41 YEARS, JANET, THREE CHILDREN,
4 AND HIS SIX GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
5 THOMAS BILL MCDONALD WHO PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 26TH. HE WAS A
6 VERY ACTIVE LOCAL PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER IN THE LONG BEACH
7 LAKEWOOD AREA, WHO SPECIALIZED IN WEDDINGS. PHOTOGRAPHY WAS
8 WHERE HIS HEART WAS, AND WHEN HE'S NOT WITH HIS FAMILY, HE WAS
9 QUITE THE PRANKSTER WITH THE KIDS AND ALWAYS HAD A JOKE AND A
10 SMILE FOR EVERYONE. HE WAS VERY INVOLVED IN THE ROTARY CLUB OF
11 LONG BEACH AND HE WORKED EXTENSIVELY WITH OUR YOUTH PROGRAMS.
12 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, BARBARA, TWO DAUGHTERS, BETH AND
13 CHRISTINE, SIX STEPCHILDREN, AND 10 GRANDCHILDREN.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, I ALSO -- I'VE HELD ITEM 17, BUT
18 BEFORE I DO THAT, I HAVE A -- I KNOW WE KEEP A SLOT EACH WEEK
19 ON OUR AGENDA FOR REWARDS, BUT ON AUGUST 28TH, A REDONDO UNION
20 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WAS SEXUALLY ASSAULTED AT KNIFE POINT IN
21 THE GIRLS' GYM AND RESTROOM. AT THIS TIME, THERE ARE NO KNOWN
22 FACTS PERTAINING TO THE THE IDENTITY OR THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE
23 ATTACKER. IT'S VITALLY IMPORTANT FOR THE COUNTY TO SEND A
24 MESSAGE THAT WE AS A SOCIETY WILL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO
25 PROTECT THE INNOCENT CHILDREN FROM THESE VERY SERIOUS CRIMES.



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1 IN ORDER TO BRING THE PERPETRATOR TO JUSTICE AND MAKE IT CLEAR
2 THAT WE WILL NOT TOLERATE ANYONE SEXUALLY ASSAULTING OUR
3 CHILDREN, I WOULD LIKE TO ESTABLISH A REWARD FOR THE
4 INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THE PERSON
5 RESPONSIBLE. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OFFER A \$10,000
6 REWARD FOR THE INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND
7 CONVICTION OF THE PERPETRATOR OF THIS VERY SERIOUS CRIME.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
10 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, I HELD ITEM 17, THE GRAND JURY
13 REPORT, AND OUR RESPONSE IS BACK. AND BASICALLY WHAT I JUST --
14 THERE WERE A NUMBER OF THINGS INSIDE IT, BUT THE ONE THAT THE
15 IMPORTANCE, TRY TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ONE ISSUE, AND
16 THAT PARTICULAR IS WORKMANS' COMPENSATION. OUR RISK MANAGERS,
17 JUNE 2003 REPORT STATED THE COUNTY'S ANNUAL WORKERS' COMP COST
18 COULD FAST APPROACH \$1.3 BILLION WITHIN EIGHT YEARS, AND I
19 REALLY THINK THAT WE NEED TO REALLY WORK ON CREATING THE
20 CULTURE WHERE ALL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL RECOGNIZE THE
21 IMPORTANCE OF WORKERS' COMP ISSUES. I MEAN, THIS IS NOT THE
22 WORD 'WORKERS' COMP,' I MEAN THIS AFFECTS JOBS, THIS AFFECTS
23 SALARY INCREASES, THIS AFFECTS, YOU KNOW, BENEFITS, EVERYTHING
24 ELSE, AND SO I THINK WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS CAN NO
25 LONGER BE A BACKBURNER ISSUE, BECAUSE WHATEVER THEY TALK ABOUT



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1 THE STATE, JUST LOOK AT US AS A LARGE EMPLOYER, WHAT THE
2 IMPACTS ON US ARE. WE NEED TO GIVE GREATER SUPPORT, GIVEN
3 PARTICULARLY AT THE HIGH MANAGEMENT LEVEL ON THE EARLY RETURN-
4 TO-WORK PROGRAM. OBVIOUSLY I THINK WHAT THE CULTURE WE NEED TO
5 CHANGE THERE IS IT'S NO LONGER JUST SORT OF DISCRETIONARY BUT
6 BECOMES A MANDATORY TYPE OF A PROGRAM. THEN FINALLY, JUST TO
7 AUGMENT THE ABILITY TO TRAIN AND ASSIST DEPARTMENTS WITH
8 ROUTINE SAFETY MATTERS, AND OBVIOUSLY ONE OF THE TRUE BUILDING
9 BLOCKS IS ADEQUATE SAFETY TRAINING, VERY FUNDAMENTAL, BUT I
10 JUST WILL MOVE THE ITEM, BUT I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT I
11 THINK THAT WE DON'T SORT OF GET LOST IN THE SHUFFLE, WE GET
12 THAT BIG, THICK REPORT EVERY YEAR, BUT INSIDE OF THAT IN A
13 VERY FEW PAGES IS A VERY SIGNIFICANT ISSUE, NOT ONLY TO THE
14 COUNTY, BUT TO THE TAXPAYERS OF THIS COUNTY AND THIS STATE. SO
15 WITH THAT, I'D MOVE ITEM 17, MADAM CHAIR.

16
17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.
18 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19
20 **SUP. KNABE:** AND I DON'T --

21
22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH, WE HAVE SOME SPEAKERS YEAH. YVONNE
23 MICHELLE AUTRY. I WAS SAYING THESE WERE PUBLIC COMMENT.

24
25 **SUP. KNABE:** I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER ITEMS.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE SOME SPEAKERS ON THAT, I WAS
3 PREMATURE IN ORDERING -- SAYING IT WAS APPROVED. WARREN
4 WILLIAMS AND ART ARTHENIAN.

5

6 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU FOR AN
7 OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE L.A. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M NOT
8 SURE IF THIS IS THE MOST, LET'S SEE, RELEVANT ISSUE, BUT I'D
9 LIKE TO RAISE IT --

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME FIRST.

12

13 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** MY NAME IS YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY, I'M A
14 36-YEAR-OLD MEMBER OF THIS COMMUNITY. AND MOST RECENTLY, I'VE
15 HAD MY PARENTAL RIGHTS TERMINATED, AND I FEEL UNJUSTLY BECAUSE
16 THE JUDGE, WHOM I COMPLAINED AGAINST, WAS NOT ACTUALLY HELD
17 ACCOUNTABLE TO ANYONE. SHE JUST -- SHE WAS NOT GOING TO
18 DISQUALIFY HERSELF. I FILED ALL RELEVANT PETITIONS, COMPLAINTS
19 TO HER SUPERVISORS, JUDGES NASH AND STEVENS, TO NO AVAIL, AND
20 I'M DISHEARTENED, OF COURSE, BECAUSE THAT'S MY ONLY LITTLE
21 BOY. AND I HAD ACTUALLY A PETITION WHICH SHE THREW OUT, WHICH
22 WOULD HAVE PROVED THAT I WAS NOT CULPABLE, THAT I WAS INNOCENT
23 IN THE FIRST PLACE, AND I HAVE THIS HERE, IT WAS A 76 PAGE 388
24 PETITION, WHICH SHE THREW OUT, SHE DISREGARDED, SHE
25 DISREGARDED MOTIONS THAT WE COULD SUBPOENA PEOPLE THAT WOULD



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1 HAVE PROVEN THAT, YOU KNOW, I WAS INNOCENT BASICALLY, I'VE
2 PROVEN THAT I'M FUNCTIONAL, I'VE PROVEN -- I'VE ACTUALLY
3 DISPROVEN THAT PETITION AGAINST ME, AND SHE WOULD NOT REGARD
4 IT, SHE WOULD NOT ADMIT IT AS EVIDENCE, IT'S IN THE FILE I
5 WOULD HOPE BUT THAT'S GOT TO BE UNLAWFUL. I MEAN HOW CAN THAT
6 BE LEGAL, WHEN I'VE FOLLOWED THE LETTER OF THE LAW IN ORDER TO
7 ESTABLISH THAT I'M A FUNCTIONAL, CAPABLE, AND WILLING, YOU
8 KNOW, A MOTHER, THAT I'M CAPABLE OF CARING FOR MYSELF AND MY
9 CHILD. I PROVIDED RECEIPTS, I PROVIDED ALL OF MY RENTAL
10 STATEMENTS, I PROVIDED MEDICAL REPORTS, PSYCHOLOGICAL REPORTS,
11 VERIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT, AND THIS JUDGE HAS THROWN IT OUT.
12 SHE WOULD NOT ALLOW US TO OPEN THE COURT, SHE WOULD NOT ALLOW
13 ME TO HAVE A CONTINUANCE SO I COULD GATHER MORE INFORMATION,
14 SHE WOULD NOT ALLOW US TO HAVE OUR LAST COURT-ORDERED
15 VISITATION, AND SHE LIED ON THE STAND. YOU KNOW, THIS I MEAN,
16 THIS IS THE GREATEST I THINK TRAVESTY, THE GREATEST CRIME IS
17 THAT SHE SUPPRESSED THIS EVIDENCE, WHICH WOULD HAVE ENABLED ME
18 TO MAINTAIN MY PARENTAL RIGHTS INTACT UNTIL I WAS ABLE AT
19 LEAST TO QUALIFY A PETITION FOR JOINT CUSTODY OF MY SON. SO
20 THIS IS THE ONLY ITEM THAT I COULD RESPOND TO TO BRING THIS TO
21 YOUR ATTENTION. I DON'T KNOW WHO SHE'S ACCOUNTABLE TO BESIDES
22 JUDGES NASH AND JUDGES STEVEN --

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, EVERY ORDER IS SUBJECT TO AN APPEAL.

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1 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** YES, MA'AM. YOU KNOW, I'VE FILED THREE
2 APPEALS TO NO AVAIL, SO I REALLY HAVE NO -- I MEAN, I'M HERE
3 BECAUSE IT'S KIND OF A LAST RESORT. I'VE WRITTEN ARTICLES, I
4 KNOW TROY ANDERSON, I'M TRYING TO GET PUBLISHED RIGHT NOW,
5 WE'RE PETITIONING, WE'RE DEMONSTRATING, ALL TO NO AVAIL. AND I
6 DON'T WANT TO SAY THAT I'VE LOST FAITH COMPLETELY IN THE
7 SYSTEM, BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO BE COMPLETELY NEGATIVE AND
8 CYNICAL, BUT I ALL BUT HAVE LOST ALMOST COMPLETE FAITH IN THE
9 SYSTEM.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE -- WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE FROM
12 CHILDREN SERVICES, NOW, YOU SAY, IS THIS A CIVIL SITUATION
13 WHERE YOUR HUSBAND RECEIVED CUSTODY, OR IS IT A MATTER THAT
14 THE CHILDREN FAMILY SERVICES.

15

16 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** NO, NO, THIS IS NOT CIVIL, THIS IS
17 FAMILY LAW, THIS IS FAMILY COURT DEPENDENCY, AND I WAS NOT
18 MARRIED --

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, WHERE THERE
21 WAS A DETERMINATION --

22

23 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** YES. DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
24 SERVICES, EDELMAN, MONTEREY DEPARTMENT 420, I WOULD SAY
25 DISHONORABLE JUDGE MARGARET S. HENRY. MY ATTORNEY, WILLIAM



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1 CALDWELL, WHEN I SUBMITTED MY FIRST 388 WITHDREW WITHOUT
2 PREJUDICE, SO I SUBMITTED SUBSEQUENTLY ANOTHER 388, AND SHE
3 SAID IT WAS NOT TIMELY.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WAIT A MINUTE, YOUR ATTORNEY IS THE ONE WHO
6 REALLY NEEDS TO PROVIDE THOSE THINGS FOR YOU, SOMEONE HERE
7 WILL --

8

9 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** WELL, HE WOULDN'T FILE IT, IF YOU, YOU
10 KNOW, HE WOULDN'T FILE IT, SO HOW COULD I PETITION IF HE
11 WOULDN'T FILE IT.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY, WELL, SOMEONE FROM CHILDREN SERVICES,
14 ACTUALLY SOMEONE FROM THE COUNTY COUNSELS OR CHILDREN SERVICES
15 CAN ADVISE YOU. A SUBPOENA HAS TO BE ISSUED BY THE COURT
16 BEFORE THE HEARING, AND I'M SURE YOUR ATTORNEY WOULD BE ABLE
17 TO DO THAT FOR YOU, BUT THERE'S SOMEONE OVER HERE WHO'LL
18 EXPLAIN ALL THAT TO YOU.

19

20 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** OKAY, BUT WHAT I'M SAYING IS MISS
21 YVONNE BRATHWAITE-BURKE, IS THAT I KNOW THE LAW AND I HAVE
22 TRIED TO GO THROUGH MY ATTORNEY. SINCE HE WOULD NOT SUBMIT THE
23 APPLICABLE OR THE RELEVANT DOCUMENTS, I HAD TO DO IT MYSELF ON
24 PRO PER STATUS, AND, YOU KNOW, IT'S STILL TO NO AVAIL. IT WAS
25 EARLY. HE WITHDREW WITHOUT PREJUDICE, AND THEN IT WAS



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1 UNTIMELY, OKAY, SO I COMPLAINED AGAINST HIM WITH THE
2 CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT, SO I --

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WELL, THAT'S WHAT YOU NEED TO DO.

5

6 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** OKAY, BUT IT'S STILL, LIKE I SAID, I
7 HAD ALL EVIDENCE THAT WOULD HAVE PROVEN OR DISPROVEN THE
8 PETITION.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL WE HAVE NO JURISDICTION, AS YOU KNOW,
11 OVER THE COURTS. THE ONLY THING THAT --

12

13 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** THERE'S NO JUDICIAL REVIEW THAT WOULD
14 HOLD HER ACCOUNTABLE FOR --

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOT FROM US.

17

18 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** NOT FROM YOU.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THERE'S A STATE COUNCIL OF JUDICIAL REVIEW
21 THAT YOU CAN FILE ANY KIND OF COMPLAINT YOU HAVE AGAINST A
22 JUDGE, THEY WILL REVIEW THAT.

23

24 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** AND ATTORNEYS AND SOCIAL WORKERS?

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY, THE STATE BAR --

2

3 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES?

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO, THE STATE BAR WILL CONSIDER ANY PROBLEM
6 YOU HAVE WITH YOUR ATTORNEY AND ANY COMPLAINT. THE STATE
7 JUDICIAL REVIEW WILL TAKE A COMPLAINT YOU HAVE AGAINST THE
8 JUDGE THAT YOU FEEL AS THOUGH IT WAS DISCRIMINATORY.

9

10 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** WELL I'LL TAKE IT TO THE STATE. ALSO I
11 JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW ANYONE THAT IS BASICALLY FILING
12 COMPLAINTS AGAINST JUDGES AND LAWYERS TODAY, THERE ARE A FEW
13 OF US WHO ARE TRYING TO ORGANIZE. WE'RE BEING INCRIMINATED, OR
14 WE'RE BEING MALIGNED OR WE'RE BEING DISCREDITED, YOU KNOW, AS
15 CRAZY OR AS PEOPLE THAT DON'T HAVE VALID COMPLAINTS, AND THERE
16 ARE MORE OF US THAN YOU KNOW.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

19

20 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** BECAUSE THE SYSTEM IS NOT SERVING OUR
21 BEST INTEREST, NOR THE BEST INTEREST OF OUR CHILDREN. OUR
22 CHILDREN ARE SUFFERING.

23



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL YOUR ATTORNEY HAS THE RIGHT IF THERE'S
2 SOMETHING THAT HE CAN FIND THAT'S DISCRIMINATORY BY THE JUDGE,
3 TO ASK THAT THAT JUDGE NOT HEAR YOUR CASE.

4

5 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** AN ADEQUATE ATTORNEY WOULD DO THAT,
6 DON'T YOU THINK?

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WELL, IT DEPENDS ON THE
9 CIRCUMSTANCES. THE LADY OVER HERE WILL TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE
10 SOCIAL WORKER. YES, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

11

12 **ART ARTHENIAN:** YES. MY NAME IS ART ARTHENIAN, I'M FROM THE ZEV
13 YAROSLAVSKY'S DISTRICT, I THINK DISTRICT -- THIRD DISTRICT OF
14 THIS COUNTY. I AM HERE TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT ITEM 17 ON THE
15 SELECTION OF OUR LAST RESORT FROM PERSECUTION FROM JUDGES IN
16 FAMILY COURT. I HAVE ATTEMPTED TO BECOME A MEMBER OF A GRAND
17 JURY. I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE -- I HAVE NOT BEEN SELECTED. IN
18 THIS ITEM 17, YOU ARE AGREEING TO ABIDE BY WHAT THE JUDGES
19 HAVE ALREADY DICTATED TO YOU. I AM APPEALING THIS BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISOR TO REJECT THAT JUDGES DICTATE. I'M APPEALING THAT
21 IS THAT REMIND THE JUDICIARY THAT THIS IS THE LAST RESORT BODY
22 THAT WE HAVE. FOR ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE BEING RUNNING AWAY
23 FROM THE WAY THE DIVORCE JUDGES ARE ABUSING THEIR AVOCATION
24 AGAINST PARENTS FOR NO OTHER GUILT AND NO OTHER CRIME OTHER
25 THAN BEING A PARENT. I AM ASKING THAT YOU, AS OUR



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1 REPRESENTATIVE, HAVE MORE SWAY IN WHO BECOMES A MEMBER OF A
2 GRAND JURY THAN THOSE JUDGES WHO APPEAR TO BE SELECTING US AND
3 APPROVING WHO GOES ON A GRAND JURY AND WHO DOESN'T. I NEED TO
4 BE ELECTED BY POPULAR CITIZENRY, NOT BY ALREADY A DECADENT AND
5 MONOPOLISTIC, A TYRANNICAL, A DESPOTIC AND CORRUPTED
6 JUDICIARY. THEY ALREADY HAVE TOO MUCH POWER, YOUR HONOR. WE
7 APPEAL TO YOU TO RETAIN THAT POWER FOR THE CITIZENRY. I WISH
8 YOU COULD APPROVE OUR APPEAL TO HAVE SOME MEASURE OF SAY-SO
9 LEFT FOR THE CITIZENRY ON THE SELECTION OF THE GRAND JURY.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **ART ARTHENIAN:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE MR. WARREN.

16

17 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** YES. MY NAME IS WARREN WILLIAMS, AND I'M
18 REPRESENTING TODAY THE COALITION FOR COMMON SENSE GOVERNMENT
19 AND THE COALITION FOR BLACKS BEST INTERESTS. I JUST WANT TO
20 POINT OUT TO ALL OF YOU THAT WE HAVE WARREN FARRELL IN THE
21 AUDIENCE HERE TODAY, WHO'S RUNNING FOR GOVERNOR ON THE
22 FATHER'S PLATFORM, MEN'S ISSUES PLATFORM. ALSO, WE HAVE MARC
23 ANGELUCCI, WHO REPRESENTS THE COALITION FOR FREE MEN, PRESENT
24 TODAY WITH SOME OTHER FATHERS. WE HAD A RALLY OUTSIDE TODAY
25 RELATED TO THE ISSUES THAT WE'RE ADDRESSING. I WANT TO SAY ON



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1 BEHALF OF MICHELLE, THAT WHAT SHE WAS SPEAKING ABOUT IS THAT
2 WHEN A LEGITIMATE COMPLAINT IS MADE TO THE COUNTY ON VARIOUS
3 CASES, THEN THE OMBUDSMAN OFFICER AND OTHERS SHOULD BE
4 EXAMINING THOSE AND A GRAND JURY SHOULD GET INVOLVED. SO
5 THAT'S THE FOCUS. AND WHAT ARTIE JUST STATED IS THAT THE
6 SELECTION OF HOW THE GRAND JURY IS SELECTED IS A PROBLEM. NOW,
7 IN THE REPORT HERE, WE HAVE UNDER THE -- THE JUVENILES BEING
8 TRIED AS ADULTS, RECOMMENDATION NUMBER ONE. THE RECOMMENDATION
9 IS THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHOULD CREATE A SPECIAL
10 FACILITY FOR THOSE JUVENILES. NOW, KNABE WAS JUST SAYING THAT
11 THIS COUNTY'S SO CONCERNED ABOUT THE JUVENILES, BUT YET YOU'RE
12 ALLEGING IN A RESPONSE THAT YOU DON'T HAVE THE FUNDING TO HAVE
13 A FACILITY FOR YOUTH THAT'S BEING PROSECUTED AS AN ADULTS, AND
14 YET, NOT TOO LONG AGO, TWO PRIESTS WENT INTO THE COUNTY JAIL,
15 FOUND THAT THE CONDITION WAS SO DEPLORABLE, THAT INSTEAD OF
16 THIS COUNTY CORRECTING THOSE CONDITIONS, THEY ORDERED THE
17 PRIEST CAN NO LONGER GO INTO THE JAILS TO SEE HOW DEPLORABLE
18 THOSE CONDITIONS ARE. SO HERE IT SEEMS TO ME, THE GRAND JURY
19 IS MAKING A REASONABLE RECOMMENDATION, THE COUNTY'S ALLEGING
20 IT DOESN'T HAVE MONEY. YET, THERE WERE THINGS THE COUNTY WAS
21 MOVING TO APPROVE TO GIVE THE SHERIFFS AND OTHERS MORE MONEY,
22 CLAIMING THAT YOU'RE ACTING TO STOP CRIME. WELL THE BEST WAY
23 OF STOPPING CRIME IS BEING SURE THAT WE ARE TREATING CHILDREN
24 PROPERLY. IF CHILDREN ARE BEING -- JUST GOING THROUGH THE
25 PROCESS OF BEING PROSECUTED AND BEING CONVICTED OF A CRIME



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1 YET, SO WE NEED TO CONSIDER THAT, AND EVEN THEN, THEY'RE STILL
2 CHILDREN, AND YOU PUT THEM WITH A BUNCH OF ADULTS, THEY'RE
3 SUBJECT TO RAPE AND EVERYTHING ELSE. THE OTHER ONE HAS TO DO
4 WITH THE OMBUDSMAN OFFICE, AND I HAVE FILED TO THIS COUNTY
5 MANY DIFFERENT COMPLAINTS. I FILED TO DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN
6 AND FAMILY SERVICES AND RECENTLY GOT A REPORT BACK ALLEGING
7 THAT THE PEOPLE IN D.C.F.S. COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND MY EMOTIONAL
8 ANGUISH ABOUT THE CARE OF MY CHILDREN AND THE POOR
9 SUPERVISION. HOWEVER, SINCE THEY ALSO COMPLAIN ABOUT SUFFERING
10 DURESS ON MISHANDLING OF MY CASE, THEN THEY TRY TO ESCAPE THE
11 LIABILITY AND ALLEGE THAT THE COUNTY HAS PROPERLY INVESTIGATED
12 EVERYTHING, WHICH IS NOT TRUE. I SUBMITTED TO THIS COUNTY
13 EVIDENCE OF MY SONS BEING INJURED AND ABUSED AND THE COUNTY
14 COVERING IT UP. THIS BOARD HAS DONE NOTHING. AGAIN, WHAT
15 MICHELLE SPOKE ABOUT, THAT SUPERVISOR BURKE, YOU SUGGEST IT'S
16 UP TO THE ATTORNEYS AS UP TO THE JUDGE. NO. IT'S UP TO THE
17 SOCIAL WORKERS' RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COURT. THE SOCIAL
18 WORKER COULD'VE TAKEN MICHELLE'S EVIDENCE AND SUBMITTED IT
19 WITHIN THEIR REPORT, BUT APPARENTLY, THEY DIDN'T DO THAT. SO
20 THEN THE EVIDENCE IS NOT EVEN BEFORE THE JUDGE. TOO MANY TIMES
21 THE ATTORNEYS TURN AROUND, AND WHEN WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO FILE
22 THREE-DAY PETITIONS, THEY STRIKE IT. SO HERE WE'RE TALKING
23 ABOUT RECOMMENDATION, ITEM NUMBER 32 UNDER THE LAW ENFORCEMENT
24 CITIZENS COMPLAINTS. CITIZENS HAVE A RIGHT TO FILE A



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1 LEGITIMATE COMPLAINT AND TO HAVE IT EVALUATED AND IT SAYS ON
2 PAGE 1-OF-3 WHAT IT'S SUPPOSED TO DO.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR.
5 WILLIAMS YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

6

7 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** OKAY, I'D LIKE TO CONCLUDE, CAN I JUST MAKE A
8 CLOSING STATEMENT ON THIS?

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SURELY.

11

12 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** THE ISSUE IS, IS THAT THIS COUNTY JUST LIKE
13 IT'S DOING NOW, OFTEN DON'T EVEN LOOK AT US. IT'S
14 DEMONSTRATING THAT IT DOESN'T -- IT'S NOT CONCERNED ABOUT THE
15 REAL ISSUES. IT PRETENDS BY TAKING THE TYPE OF ATTITUDE THAT
16 THESE ISSUES ARE NOT IMPORTANT, WHICH YOU HAVE SAID BEFORE,
17 SUPERVISOR BURKE, TO DOUG BARNETT WHEN HE WAS HERE. WELL IF
18 YOU LISTEN TO PEOPLE IN PUBLIC COMMENT, THOSE ISSUES ARE NOT
19 IMPORTANT. ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT YOU PAY THEM MONEY TO HAVE
20 A LAW ENFORCEMENT CITIZEN COMPLAINT THAT THE GRAND JURY SHOULD
21 HAVE ALSO INCLUDED THE COMPLAINTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
22 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, THAT THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT? SO
23 THEREFORE, YOU JUST COVER UP WHEN WE HAVE LEGITIMATE COMPLAINT
24 BUT NOTHING IS BEING DONE ABOUT IT. SO I'M ASKING THAT THIS
25 COUNTY WOULD CARE ENOUGH ABOUT OUR CHILDREN, BE RESPONSIBLE,



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1 PROPERLY INVESTIGATE THESE COMPLAINTS, BECAUSE WE'RE NOT DOING
2 IT, BECAUSE WE'RE STUPID AND DON'T HAVE A LEGITIMATE CLAIM.
3 WE'RE DOING IT 'CAUSE WE HAVE SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE PROVING OUR
4 CASE HAS BEEN MISHANDLED. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IS THERE ANYTHING
7 FURTHER? IT'S MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH THAT THAT
8 MATTER IS APPROVED. PUBLIC COMMENT NOW. WARREN FARRELL, DICK
9 WOODS, RUSSELL MCABEE. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME PLEASE, MR.
10 WOODS, YES.

11

12 **WARREN FARRELL:** I'M DR. WARREN FARRELL, F-A-R-R-E-L-L.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** GO RIGHT AHEAD PLEASE.

15

16 **WARREN FARRELL:** I JUST WONDERED IF, FOR A MOMENT, YOU'LL
17 ENTERTAIN ME. IN 1920, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY WAS THE GAP BETWEEN
18 THE MALE/FEMALE LIFE EXPECTANCY IN THE UNITED STATES. ANYBODY
19 WANT TO GUESS ON THAT? IN THE UNITED STATES, THE GAP BETWEEN
20 THE MALE LIFE EXPECTANCY AND THE FEMALE LIFE EXPECTANCY IN
21 1920.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** '28, YOU SAY?

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25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 40



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2 **WARREN FARRELL:** WELL I'M SORRY?

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4 **SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH:** IN THE 40S.

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6 **WARREN FARRELL:** THE AGE WAS IN THE 40S, THAT'S VERY GOOD, AND
7 -- BUT THE GAP BETWEEN THE MALE AND FEMALE LIFE EXPECTANCY,
8 ONE YEAR, 20 YEARS, SEVEN YEARS, EIGHT.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE FEMALE WAS DYING YOUNGER BECAUSE OF CHILD
11 BIRTH.

12

13 **WARREN FARRELL:** FEMALE WAS, YES, ACTUALLY, MEN WERE DYING
14 ABOUT EQUALLY FROM WAR AS WOMEN WERE FROM CHILD BIRTH, SO BOTH
15 OF THOSE WERE EQUALIZING FACTORS.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU SAID IN 1920?

18

19 **WARREN FARRELL:** 1920, THE GAP BETWEEN THE MALE LIFE EXPECTANCY
20 AND THE FEMALE LIFE EXPECTANCY WAS ACTUALLY ONE YEAR, AND IN
21 1990, IT IS SEVEN YEARS, WITH MEN BEING SEVEN YEARS LONGER.
22 ONE MORE QUESTION, IF I MAY.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GET THE TOASTER.

25



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1 **WARREN FARRELL:** YEAH RIGHT EXACTLY, JEOPARDY HERE. WHEN A
2 HUSBAND AND WIFE DIVORCE, WHAT IS THE RATIO OF FEMALE-TO-MALE
3 SUICIDE WHEN A HUSBAND AND WIFE GET DIVORCED?

4
5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I HAVE NO IDEA.

6
7 **WARREN FARRELL:** GLORIA, DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA? THE MEN ARE 10
8 TIMES AS LIKELY TO COMMIT SUICIDE AFTER THE DIVORCE AS A WOMAN
9 IS AFTER DIVORCE. THE -- WHEN OUR -- MY DAD IS 92 AND MEN OVER
10 85 ARE 1,350% MORE LIKELY TO COMMIT SUICIDE THAN MOMS OVER,
11 YOU KNOW, THAN A WOMAN OVER 85. THE IMPORTANT THING I GUESS
12 I'M SAYING HERE IS THAT WE DON'T KNOW THESE THINGS, AND YET I
13 USED TO BE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, IN THE 20TH CENTURY I
14 WAS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR
15 WOMEN, AND WITH ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON AND BETTY FRIDAN, I
16 HELPED TO START WOMEN'S COMMISSION IN NEW YORK CITY WHEN I WAS
17 IN NEW YORK CITY. AND IN THE 20TH CENTURY, I FELT THAT THAT
18 WAS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT IN STARTING WOMEN'S COMMISSIONS
19 BECAUSE MY SISTER COULDN'T -- WAS NOT ENCOURAGED TO DO THINGS
20 LIKE BECOME A DOCTOR, A LAWYER, EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS VERY
21 BRIGHT. WOMEN WEREN'T TAUGHT TEAM SPORTS, WHICH ARE VERY
22 ESSENTIAL FOR BEING ABLE TO BECOME A TEAM PLAYER IN LIFE, AND
23 THEREFORE PREPARE FOR CORPORATE WORK. AND SO I WAS A VERY
24 STRONG SUPPORTER ON THE BOARD OF N.O.W. FOR THESE TYPES OF
25 COMMISSIONS TO HELP WOMEN GET SORT OF A SENSE OF THEMSELVES



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1 AND ALSO HAVE THE LAWS NOT BE BARRIERS FOR THEM. BUT SOME
2 THINGS -- BUT AS THE 21ST CENTURY HAS ARRIVED, THERE'S BEEN A
3 SHIFT, AND I FEEL IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT FOR US TO UPDATE
4 OURSELVES, NOW, AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, WOMEN ARE 55% OF THE
5 PEOPLE GRADUATING FROM COLLEGE, MEN ARE 45% OF THE PEOPLE
6 GRADUATING FROM COLLEGE. AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, BOYS ARE
7 DROPPING OUT OF SCHOOL IN ALL AREAS, EXCEPT FOR MATH, THEY'RE
8 DOING WORSE THAN GIRLS ARE. AND SO WHAT I'M -- AND PROBABLY
9 THE EQUIVALENT OF EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK FOR WOMEN IN THE
10 20TH CENTURY, IN THE 21ST CENTURY, THE EQUIVALENT OF THAT IS
11 THE FIGHT THAT FATHERS ARE TRYING TO CREATE TO BE EQUALLY
12 INVOLVED IN THE FAMILY, AND THOSE FIGHTS ARE REALLY GOING
13 TOGETHER, BECAUSE IF WOMEN ARE MORE INVOLVED IN THE WORKPLACE
14 AND MEN ARE NOT MORE INVOLVED IN THE FAMILY, THEN THE VALID
15 QUESTION BECOMES WHO TAKES CARE OF OUR CHILDREN. THERE'S A GAP
16 THERE. AND SO WHAT I'M ASKING FOR THE L.A. BOARD TO DO IS TO
17 CONSIDER LOOKING AT THE THOUSANDS OF ISSUES, A COUPLE OF WHICH
18 I'VE BEEN ABLE TO TOUCH ON, AS TO WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH MEN
19 TODAY AND WHY IT IS INHERENT AMONG MEN TO NOT BE ABLE TO SPEAK
20 UP, THAT WOMEN'S -- MEN'S WEAKNESS HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR FACADE
21 OF STRENGTH, AND WOMEN'S STRENGTH HAS ALWAYS BEEN THEIR FACADE
22 OF WEAKNESS, AND THOSE TWO COMBINED FOR US NOT BE ABLE TO --
23 TO BE ABLE TO ASK FOR HELP BECAUSE IT NEVER GOT US ANY
24 ATTENTION IN LIFE TO BE ASKING FOR HELP, WE ALWAYS HAD TO SORT
25 OF BE THE SAVIOR, AND SO THAT'S THE END OF MY --



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **WARREN FARRELL:** ALL RIGHT, THANKS.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME PLEASE.

7

8 **DICK WOODS:** I'M DICK WOODS. I DROVE A LONG WAY TO BE HERE
9 TODAY. I DROVE ALL THE WAY FROM IOWA. I WANT TO SPEAK IN
10 SUPPORT OF CREATION OF A COUNTY MEN'S COMMISSION. I DO HAVE
11 SOME EXPERIENCE OF --

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I HAVE TO ASK YOU THIS, IN IOWA, THEY HAVE
14 ONE?

15

16 **DICK WOODS:** WE HAD A VISITATION RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
17 CREATED AS A COUNTERPART TO OUR STATE CHILD SUPPORT ADVISORY
18 COMMITTEE.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FOR MEN AND WOMEN, OR JUST FOR MEN?

21

22 **DICK WOODS:** WELL THE VISITATION RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE WAS
23 FOR ANY PARENT WITH TROUBLE GETTING ACCESS TO THE KIDS AND OF
24 COURSE --

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAD A COMMISSION ON -- WAS IT ON SUPPORT?

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3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YEAH, STILL DO, ON CHILD SUPPORT.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT, WE HAVE THE SIMILAR --

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE A COMMISSION ON CHILD SUPPORT.

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9 **DICK WOODS:** A COMMISSION ON CHILD SUPPORT.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

12

13 **DICK WOODS:** THE PROBLEM WAS THAT THE -- AND I SIT ON IOWA
14 STATE CHILD SUPPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, BUT I AM ONLY ONE
15 VOTE, AND THE AGENDA ITEMS ARE, OF COURSE, CONTROLLED BY THE
16 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND, MORE SPECIFICALLY, BY THE
17 DIVISION THAT ENFORCES CHILD SUPPORT. SO THE ISSUES THAT WE
18 WOULD LIKE TO RAISE, FRANKLY, NEVER GET DISCUSSED. SO WE ASKED
19 FOR A SEPARATE VISITATION RITES ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND THE
20 LEGISLATURE DID AGREE THAT WAS A GOOD IDEA, AND THEY CREATED
21 IT. THE PROBLEM WAS THAT THEY DID NOT PUT MUCH DEFINITION ON
22 WHO WOULD BE APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE, AND WE HAD A VERY
23 HARD TIME HOLDING THAT VISITATION RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
24 THE AGENDA ITEMS SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSING VISITATION
25 ENFORCEMENT, SO MANY THINGS SEEM TO IMPINGE ON THAT. AND I'M



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1 SAYING FROM OUR EXPERIENCE IN THE STATE OF IOWA, WHAT YOU
2 REALLY NEED IS A COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF MEN. THAT WOULD
3 HAVE THE BROADER LATITUDE SO THAT ALL THESE ISSUES COULD BE
4 ADDRESSED, AND THE VISITATION ENFORCEMENT PROBLEM REALLY AS
5 DR. FARRELL WAS SAYING, IT HAS TO DO WITH OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD
6 MEN, THAT MEN'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THEMSELVES, FRANKLY, THAT THEY
7 DON'T NEED HELP, BUT IN FACT I'VE BEEN A COUNSELOR FOR THE
8 LAST 21 YEARS, AND IN THAT TIME, COUNSELED 6,400 AND SOME
9 PARENTS WHO HAVE TROUBLE EXCHANGING HER CHILDREN FOR
10 VISITATION. IT'S A VERY VEXING PROBLEM, IN FACT WE FOUND THAT
11 WE NEEDED TO CREATE A SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE MEN WHO CAME
12 THROUGH OUR COUNSELING BECAUSE SO OFTEN THEY WOULD LEAVE AND
13 YET WERE SO DISCOURAGED THAT IT BECAME IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO
14 ACT ON SOME VERY POSITIVE RECOMMENDATIONS. SO I WOULD URGE THE
15 BOARD TO CREATE A COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF MEN.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. PLEASE STATE YOUR
18 NAME. WOULD JOHN O'NEILL AND YVONNE MICHELLE PLEASE COME
19 FORWARD?

20

21 **RUSSELL MCABEE:** RUSSELL MCABEE.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THOSE WHO SPOKE, THEN YOU MAY GO -- RETURN
24 TO YOUR SEAT. AND JOHN O'NEILL AND, THE OTHER PERSON WHOSE



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1 NAME I CALLED, IS SHE NOT HERE? ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT, PLEASE
2 STATE YOUR NAME.

3

4 **RUSSELL MCABEE:** RUSSELL MCABEE. IN FEBRUARY 1997, AFTER A
5 NUMBER OF YEARS OF BEING ABUSED MENTALLY, PHYSICALLY, AND
6 OTHERWISE BY MY EX-WIFE, WE FINALLY SEPARATED. SINCE THEN,
7 I'VE BEEN THROUGH TWO YEARS OF COUNSELING, TRYING TO DEAL WITH
8 THIS. EVEN SPEAKING ABOUT IT NOW, I GET VERY NERVOUS AND
9 UPSET. IN THE MEANTIME, MY EX-WIFE AND MY SON NOW LIVE IN
10 AUSTRALIA. I DO NOT HAVE ANY WAY OF SEEING THEM. THE CHILD
11 SUPPORT HERE IN CALIFORNIA THAT I'M ORDERED TO PAY IS
12 EXCESSIVE, ACCORDING TO AUSTRALIAN COST OF LIVING AND TAKING
13 INTO EFFECT THE CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE. MY SON, I NO LONGER
14 HAVE CONTACT WITH BECAUSE HE'S BEEN TOLD THAT I AM A TERRIBLE
15 PERSON, I'M AN AWFUL FATHER, I HAVE NOTHING TO OFFER HIM. AND
16 I FIND MYSELF IN THE POSITION THAT I AM PAYING MY ABUSER TO
17 RAISE MY CHILD. I FIND THIS EXTREMELY DISTASTEFUL, TO BE
18 POLITE. IT CONTRASTS SO MUCH WITH I'M GETTING MARRIED NEXT
19 MONTH, I HAVE TWO STEPDAUGHTERS WHOSE -- AND THEIR FATHER, I
20 CAN'T SAY IN PUBLIC WHAT HAPPENED, BUT HE IS NO LONGER PART OF
21 THEIR LIFE. THEY HAVE VOLUNTARILY STARTED CALLING ME DAD, THEY
22 WANT ME TO ADOPT THEM LEGALLY. THEY HAVE NO CHILD SUPPORT, AS
23 THEIR FATHER IS IN JAIL. I AM SUPPORTING THESE PEOPLE. WE HAD
24 THE CHILD SUPPORT PEOPLE HERE IN LOS ANGELES MAKE NO
25 ALLOWANCES FOR THAT WHATSOEVER, SO THESE CHILDREN ARE NOT



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1 BEING CARED FOR BY THE STATE, I'M CARING FOR THEM, YET I'M NOT
2 RECEIVING ANY RECOGNITION. I THINK THERE NEEDS -- IF THERE WAS
3 A MEN'S SHELTER HERE THAT WAS ADVERTISED AND MADE KNOWN, I MAY
4 STILL HAVE HAD MY SON LIVING WITH ME. [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **RUSSELL MCABEE:** THERE IS NO MEN'S SHELTER THAT IS PUBLICLY --
7 THAT IS WELL KNOWN. IT TOOK ME FOUR YEARS TO FIND OUT THAT
8 THERE WAS ONE IN EXISTENCE. I WENT TO DIFFERENT PLACES AND I
9 ASKED DIFFERENT POLITICAL RALLIES AND DIFFERENT STREET FAIRS
10 AND I SAID, "DO YOU TAKE MEN?" "NO, WE DON'T. WE DON'T KNOW
11 WHERE MEN GO WITH THEIR CHILDREN." I HAVE FOUND OUT THERE WAS
12 ONE IN LANCASTER NOW. I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS OPERATIONAL IN
13 1997, BUT CERTAINLY, NO, I DON'T SEE ANYWHERE WHERE YOU TALK
14 OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WHERE IT SAYS MEN CAN CALL THIS NUMBER OR
15 MEN DO THIS OR WHATEVER, BECAUSE WHEN YOU CALL THE NUMBER
16 THAT'S THERE, THEY DON'T DEAL WITH MEN. I'VE LOST A SON AND
17 I'M PAYING MY ABUSER TO RAISE MY CHILD THAT I DON'T SEE
18 ANYMORE. I THINK IT'S TOTALLY CRIMINAL THAT THIS IS HAPPENING,
19 AND I THINK IT'S INHUMANE, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE COUNTY,
20 AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE, AND I'M GOING TO DO EVERYTHING IN MY
21 EFFORT TO MAKE SURE THAT MY SON NEVER HAS TO GO THROUGH WHAT
22 I'VE GONE THROUGH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD MARC ANGELUCCI PLEASE COME FORWARD?

2 YES WOULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME SIR?

3

4 **JOHN O'NEILL:** HI, MY NAME IS JOHN O'NEILL AND I'M FROM
5 MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA, WHICH IS IN SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S
6 DISTRICT. I WAS HERE ABOUT A YEAR AGO, AND I WANT TO REFRESH
7 YOUR MEMORY WITH A LETTER THAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WROTE ON
8 AUGUST 7TH REGARDING MY VISIT ON JULY 30TH. HE WROTE THAT
9 MEDICAL DOCTORS WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARE VIOLATING LAWS
10 IN REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF CHILDREN. NOT MUCH HAS HAPPENED
11 SINCE I WAS HERE LAST. I ONLY HAD TO TAKE THIS ALL THE WAY UP
12 TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, WHO AGREED THAT REPORTING CHILD
13 SEXUAL ABUSE TRUMPED A CHILD'S CONFIDENTIALITY TO TREATMENT,
14 MEDICAL TREATMENT. AND RIGHT OFF THE BAT HERE, I WOULD LIKE TO
15 ASK RUSTY RAMON TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH ALL HEALTH DEPUTIES
16 FOR EACH SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE. I WOULD LIKE THIS ISSUE ON THE
17 AGENDA AT A FUTURE SUPERVISOR'S MEETING. I WOULD LIKE HICAN
18 AND PLANNED PARENTHOOD AT THIS MEETING. I WANT TO FAST FORWARD
19 TO SOMETHING DR. DURFEY SAID WITH THE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL
20 AGAINST CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT WHEN I SPOKE WITH HIM. HE SAID
21 PARENTS DO NOT NEED TO KNOW EVERYTHING THEIR CHILD IS INTO. HE
22 ALSO SAID, I TAKE IT YOU DON'T THINK TEENS SHOULD BE SEXUALLY
23 ACTIVE. HE ALSO SAID, YES, THERE ARE CHILDREN BEING TREATED
24 EVERY DAY IN OUR CLINICS THAT ARE VICTIMS OF RAPE, INCEST, AND
25 MOLESTATION. AND THE PEOPLE DOING ALL OF THAT ARE WALKING



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1 SCOTT-FREE. HERE'S A PRESS RELEASE BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.
2 AND I HELPED WRITE ASSEMBLY BILL 930, AND I WOULD APPRECIATE
3 IT IF THIS BOARD WOULD EMBRACE ASSEMBLY BILL 930. I'D LIKE
4 SOME DISCUSSION ON THAT. I'VE LEFT YOU EVERYONE THAT IS IN
5 SUPPORT OF THAT ASSEMBLY BILL, INCLUDING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
6 OF CALIFORNIA, AND THEY WRITE, "DURING THIS LAST YEAR, IT CAME
7 TO LIGHT THAT MEDICAL PERSONNEL, THEIR ANCILLARIES AND/OR
8 THEIR ASSISTANTS UNDER THE GUISE OF THE PRIVACY OF THE MINOR
9 FEMALE FAILED TO REPORT CASES OF STATUTORY RAPE AND INCEST.
10 ALTHOUGH PRIVACY IS A LAUDABLE GOAL, IT SHOULD NOT BE USED TO
11 PRECLUDE THE REMOVAL OF A CHILD FROM THE INFLUENCE OF A SEXUAL
12 PREDATOR OR TO STOP THAT PREDATOR FROM ABUSING AGAIN." ANY OF
13 YOU, IF YOU MOLESTED A CHILD, COULD WALK INTO A COUNTY HEALTH
14 CLINIC, AND IT WOULDN'T BE DETECTED. YOU HAVE FAILED. ALL OF
15 YOU. EVERYONE IN HERE. YOU'RE COVERING IT UP. AND THAT'S WHY
16 WE NEED THIS. WE NEED TO CHANGE THE STATE CONSTITUTION SO THAT
17 PARENTS KNOW WHEN THEIR CHILD IS BEING SEXUALLY ABUSED. I
18 SPENT A WHOLE YEAR WORKING ON THIS, AND YOU HAVEN'T DONE A
19 DAMN THING ABOUT IT. DR. SCHUNHOFF HAS NOT PROVIDED ME WITH
20 ANY KIND OF FEEDBACK WHATSOEVER. DR. DARLENE TAYLOR, "WE DON'T
21 KEEP THESE KIND OF STATISTICS ON ABUSE OF CHILDREN." HOW MANY
22 DOCTORS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED BY BACA, BRATTON? HOW MANY DOCTORS
23 HAVE BEEN PROSECUTED BY DELGADO OR COOLEY? THE ANSWER IS NONE.
24 A BIG FAT ZERO. CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES DOES NOT KNOW HOW
25 MANY CHILDREN ARE BEING SEXUALLY ABUSED? GOVERNMENT IS PART OF



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1 THE PROBLEM. FEMALE COUNSELORS ACCUSED OF MOLESTATION. UCHINO
2 BOYS REPUBLIC IN CHINO HILLS, CONVICTED SEX CRIME OFFENDERS
3 MISSING. YOU KNOW WHO BACKS ME UP ON AB930? MEGAN'S LAW, AND
4 WE KNOW HOW BROKEN THAT IS. I HOPE I CAN GET THIS ON THE
5 AGENDA, BECAUSE I WANT TO FILL THIS CHAMBER WITH PEOPLE SO
6 THEY KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. I CAN BRING A 12-YEAR-OLD KID INTO
7 A CLINIC AND HAVE MY DIRTY DEEDS CLEANED UP, AND NOBODY'S
8 GOING TO SUSPECT A THING. CHIEF KALESH, SECOND IN COMMAND --

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

11

12 **JOHN O'NEILL:** I'D LIKE JUST ONE MORE. THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT ON
13 MY SIDE. CHIEF KALESH, SECOND IN COMMAND, HOW MANY EXPLORER
14 SCOUTS DID HE DO? 2'S COMPANY, 3'S A CROWD. YOU GUYS ARE
15 HOLDING ALL THE CARDS. YOU NEED TO BRING SOMEBODY IN AND HAVE
16 THIS ALL INVESTIGATED.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE
19 YOUR NAME, SIR? AND WOULD JOHN F. STEFFAN PLEASE COME FORWARD?

20

21 **MARC ANGELUCCI:** YES. MY NAME IS MARC ANGELUCCI, I'M THE
22 PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL COALITION OF FREE MEN IN LOS
23 ANGELES, I'M ALSO A PUBLIC INTEREST ATTORNEY IN LOS ANGELES.
24 I'M HERE PRIMARILY TO SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF DICK WOODS AND
25 WARREN FARRELL, WHO'S RUNNING FOR GOVERNOR AND THE OTHERS WHO



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1 HAVE SPOKEN ABOUT A COMMISSION FOR MEN TODAY. I BECAME
2 INTERESTED IN THESE ISSUES WHEN I WAS IN LAW SCHOOL IN 1998 AT
3 U.C.L.A., WHEN A VERY CLOSE FRIEND OF MINE WAS BATTERED BY HIS
4 WIFE REPEATEDLY WHENEVER SHE DRANK. THEY BOTH DRINK, BUT HE
5 BECOMES PEACEFUL AND SINGS SONGS; SHE BECOMES VIOLENT AND
6 BREAKS THINGS AND THROW THEM AT HIM AND THE CHILDREN SEE THIS,
7 AND YET HE DOESN'T WANT TO SEEK HELP, BUT ONE NIGHT I TRIED TO
8 GET HIM -- THE ONE NIGHT I PROBABLY COULD HAVE GOT HIM TO GO
9 TO A SHELTER WAS WHEN I LEARNED THE SAME THING THAT RUSSELL
10 SAID, THAT THERE WAS NO SHELTERS. I CALLED THE HOTLINE AND IT
11 TOOK THEM TWO DAYS TO GET BACK TO ME BECAUSE HE WAS MALE, THEN
12 THEY TOLD ME HE WAS A LANCASTER SHELTER, WHICH WAS HOURS AWAY
13 FROM HIS HOME. THAT PROMPTED ME TO INVESTIGATE THE PROBLEM AND
14 THAT'S WHEN I LEARNED, IN FACT, THAT THIS HAS BEEN ONGOING FOR
15 A VERY LONG TIME, THAT THERE'S A POLITICAL COVER-UP, AN
16 ATTEMPT TO STOP SOME OF THESE SHELTERS FROM HELPING MALES. WE
17 ONCE BROUGHT PATRICIA OVERBERG TO THIS BOARD, WHO IS DIRECTOR
18 OF THE LANCASTER SHELTER, AND SHE EXPLAINED WHAT SHE'S SEEN
19 HAPPEN TO BATTERED MEN, AND HER DECLARATION THAT WE SUBMITTED
20 TO YOU STATED THAT SHE WAS SUBJECTED TO CONTINUOUS ABUSE BY
21 OTHER SHELTER DIRECTORS BECAUSE SHE HELPED BOTH MALE AND
22 FEMALE VICTIMS FOR 10 YEARS, WITH NO PROBLEMS, YET STILL
23 ABUSED BY. LAST TIME WE WERE HERE, WE ASKED FOR A COMMISSION
24 FOR MEN AND WE SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS FROM THE AMERICAN JOURNAL
25 OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNOUNCING THAT MEN ARE IN A SILENT HEALTH



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1 CRISIS, YET THIS COUNTY STILL HAS AN OFFICE OF WOMAN'S HEALTH,
2 BUT NO OFFICE OF MEN'S HEALTH AND STILL HAS A COMMISSION FOR
3 WOMEN, BUT NOT FOR MEN. WE BROUGHT PATERNITY FRAUD VICTIMS,
4 MEN WHO WERE FORCED TO PAY FOR CHILDREN WHO AREN'T THEIRS,
5 EVEN WHEN D.N.A. PROVES IT'S NOT. OFTEN SERVED IMPROPERLY AT
6 THE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS AND THEN DIDN'T LEARN 'TIL THREE YEARS
7 LATER. AND NOW LOCKED INTO THAT FOR LIFE, THEIR OWN BIOLOGICAL
8 CHILDREN HARMED, THEIR OWN FAMILY HARMED, AND THEM HARMED, AND
9 YET THERE'S NO COMMISSION FOR MEN TO ADDRESS THESE THINGS. I'M
10 WONDERING IF SOMEONE ON THE BOARD CAN ANSWER WHY, AFTER THREE
11 YEARS OF US ASKING FOR ONE, THERE STILL IS NOT ONE. CAN
12 SOMEONE PLEASE TELL ME WHAT THE STATUS IS OR WHAT THE -- WHERE
13 WE ARE.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL I BELIEVE THERE'S -- THERE'S A
16 LITIGATION PENDING, SO IT'S VERY DIFFICULT FOR US TO DISCUSS
17 THIS, BECAUSE SOMEONE FILED A LAWSUIT, IS MY UNDERSTANDING. IS
18 THAT CORRECT?

19

20 **MARC ANGELUCCI:** THAT'S TRUE, THERE IS, EXCEPT THAT THAT
21 LAWSUIT WASN'T -- WE HAD BEEN ADVOCATING THIS FOR WELL OVER A
22 YEAR BEFORE THAT LAWSUIT WAS FILED.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AT THIS POINT, THERE IS LITIGATION PENDING,
25 AND SO WE'RE UNABLE TO COMMENT.



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2 **MARC ANGELUCCI:** OKAY. WELL, I --

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU'RE AN ATTORNEY, YOU KNOW THAT.

5

6 **MARC ANGELUCCI:** YES, I AM, I'M VERY AWARE OF THE LAWSUIT, AND
7 I WOULD URGE -- AGAIN, THE LAWSUIT IS NOT ABOUT MONEY, IT IS
8 SIMPLY FOR AN INJUNCTION TO CREATE A COMMISSION FOR MEN AND
9 OFFICE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH, AND I WOULD URGE THIS COUNTY TO DO
10 THAT. IT'S AFFECTING SO MANY LIVES, MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN.
11 WOMEN HAVE A PLACE TO GO, THEY HAVE THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN,
12 AND THEY'VE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL, BUT MEN HAVE ISSUES, TOO,
13 AFFECTING THEM.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

17 **MARC ANGELUCCI:** AND IT'S WRONG TO DENY THEM A COMMISSION FOR
18 MEN. THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I BELIEVE THE LADY IN -- YVONNE,
21 WEREN'T YOU NEXT?

22

23 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** YES, PLEASE.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME. AND WOULD TARA
2 TUCKER PLEASE COME FORWARD? IF TARA TUCKER IS NOT HERE -- ALL
3 RIGHT. PLEASE COME FORWARD. MMM-HMM, YES GO RIGHT AHEAD.

4

5 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** MY NAME IS YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY AGAIN
6 FOR THE RECORD, 36 YEAR OLD MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY, BORN IN
7 INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, EDUCATED AT U.C.L.A. AND I'M SEEKING TO
8 BE REUNITED WITH MY SON, DESPITE THE FALSE ACCUSATIONS
9 CONTAINED CONTINUOUSLY IN THE SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORTS. THE
10 SOCIAL WORKERS HAVE FILED FALSIFIED OR MISREPRESENTED ME IN
11 THEIR DOCUMENTS, AND AGAIN, LIKE MY PREVIOUS COMPLAINT, THE
12 JUDGES WOULD NOT ADMIT INTO EVIDENCE OR CONSIDER OR EVEN
13 REVIEW ANY OF THE 76 PAGES OF DOCUMENTATION THAT I HAVE THAT
14 WOULD PROVE THAT I'M NOT CRAZY, I'M NOT BIPOLAR, MANIC
15 DEPRESSIVE, SCHIZOPHRENIC, PSYCHOTIC, PARANOID, DELUSIONAL,
16 SHE WOULD NOT EVEN LOOK AT IT, SIMPLY BECAUSE AS THIS
17 GENTLEMAN HAD STATED, I REVEALED THAT A LOT OF THE CHILDREN
18 ARE BEING TRAUMATIZED, THEY'RE BEING SODOMIZED, THEY'RE BEING
19 RITUALIZED, THEY'RE BEING ABUSED IN VERY BIZARRE, RITUALISTIC,
20 SACRIFICIAL TYPE OF, YOU KNOW, CEREMONIES, AND I DIDN'T
21 PARTAKE OF IT, BUT I BECAME AWARE OF HOW OUR CHILDREN ARE
22 BEING USED BY COUNTY EMPLOYEES, AND MANY OF THEM ARE DOCTORS,
23 MANY OF THEM ARE LAWYERS, MANY OF THEM ARE JUDGES, BUT SEE BUT
24 IT HAS TO DO WITH FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE MORE I TALK
25 ABOUT IT, THEN THE MORE I'M LABELED CRAZY OR SOMEONE THAT'S --



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1 THAT'S FABRICATING, AND I THANK GOD, THIS MAN ACTUALLY HAD
2 DOCUMENTATION. AND I'VE GOTTEN -- I'M GETTING PUBLISHED
3 BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO KNOW THAT THIS IS A BUSINESS, WHAT'S
4 HAPPENING WITH THE CORRUPTION OF OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS. THE
5 CHILDREN THAT ARE BEING TRAUMATIZED ARE THEN MEDICATED, AND
6 THAT'S MORE MONEY GENERATED FOR THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY.
7 THE CHILDREN DON'T NEED MEDICATION, THEY NEED TO BE EITHER
8 REUNITED WITH THEIR PARENTS, THEY NEED THE ABUSE TO STOP.
9 OKAY? AND IF ANYTHING, COUNSELING FOR THE FAMILIES, NOT
10 MEDICATION, NOT JUVENILE DETENTION, AND THEN NOT THE PENAL
11 COLONIES WHICH THEY'RE BUILDING FOR OUR PEOPLE, THEY'RE
12 BUILDING FOR OUR PEOPLE, THE CHILDREN THAT ARE THEN ACTING
13 OUT, OR THEY'RE GOING TO BE REDIRECTED INTO THE MILITARY TO
14 PROTECT THIS CORRUPT GOVERNMENT THAT REALLY IS NOT SERVING MY
15 BEST INTERESTS, NOR THAT OF MY SON. I MEAN, I HAVE TO SAY THAT
16 I'M TRYING TO BE AS CIVIL AND AS, YOU KNOW, ELOQUENT AS
17 POSSIBLE JUST TO HELP YOU TO UNDERSTAND WHAT'S HAPPENING TO
18 OUR GENERATION SIMPLY BECAUSE WE'RE WELFARE RECIPIENTS, WE'RE
19 PEOPLE OF COLOR, WE DON'T HAVE LAW DEGREES, AND WE'RE
20 VICTIMIZED BY THE SYSTEM THAT'S TAKING OUR CHILDREN,
21 FALSIFYING EVIDENCE AGAINST INNOCENT PARENTS, OR NOT EVEN
22 ALLOWING REPENTANT PARENTS YOU SEE TO MEET THE CRITERIA AND
23 PROVE THAT THEY HAVE DONE SO SATISFACTORILY SO THAT WE CAN
24 REUNITE WITH OUR CHILDREN AND HAVE THEM IN HEALTHY
25 ENVIRONMENTS. THIS LITTLE GIRL DIED. OKAY. THERE ARE MANY



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1 CHILDREN THAT ARE DYING IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. TROY
2 ANDERSON WRITES ABOUT IT. ONE TO EIGHT, I THINK, EVERY MONTH,
3 MOSTLY CHILDREN OF COLOR. SOME CAUCASIAN CHILDREN, BUT MOSTLY
4 BLACK AND BROWN CHILDREN. SOME ARE DROWNED. I DON'T KNOW HOW
5 THIS LITTLE GIRL DIED. I DON'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN TO MY SON,
6 BECAUSE IF IT DOES, YOU KNOW WHAT? I DON'T HAVE A CRIMINAL
7 RECORD, BUT I'M A MOTHER, AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, ONCE
8 YOU EXHAUST EVERY -- I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. I'VE GONE
9 THROUGH THE SYSTEM. I REALLY, YOU KNOW, I UNDERSTAND WHY
10 PEOPLE BECOME VIGILANTE, BECAUSE IF THEY EXHAUST EVERYTHING
11 HONEST, YOU KNOW, YOU HAVE FAITH IN THE SYSTEM AND THEN
12 CONSTANTLY, CONSTANTLY THEY'RE JUST LET DOWN, THEY'RE
13 MISREPRESENTED, THEY'RE IGNORED, AND THEY'RE DENIED. I THINK
14 THAT'S THE BASIS OF REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITY IN ORGANIZATIONS
15 RIGHT NOW, NONVIOLENT.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

18

19 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** SO WE'RE EXHAUSTING EVERY MEANS
20 POSSIBLE AND WE'RE BRINGING THIS TO YOUR ATTENTION.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

23

24 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

2

3 **JOHN STEFFAN:** MY NAME IS JOHN STEFFAN. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

4 MEN IN DIVORCE BECOME AN INDENTURED SERVANT BECAUSE OF THE

5 VIRTUAL FEMINIZATION OF DIVORCE COURTS. WHILE TIME DOES NOT

6 PERMIT THAT I DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN A SLAVE AND AN INDENTURED

7 SERVANT, LET ME ASK THAT THE PROBLEM BE STUDIED BY A GRAND

8 JURY INVESTIGATION OF DIVORCE COURTS. ALSO, I WOULD LIKE THE

9 COUNTY TO HIRE A CONSULTING FIRM TO STUDY THE FORMATION OF A

10 COMMISSION ON MEN AND THE COUNTY TO MAKE A STUDY OF MEN'S

11 HEALTH AND THE CAUSES OF THE PROBLEMS THAT MEN FACE THAT CAUSE

12 THEM TO HAVE A SUICIDE RATE FOUR TIMES THAT OF FEMALES.

13 CERTAINLY, A REPORT ON PROSTATE CANCER IS IN ORDER. NOW, THE

14 TIME IS RUNNING OUT, AND THE PEOPLE ARE GETTING IMPATIENT.

15 NOW, ALL THEY NEED IS A SPARK, AND SOMETHING'S GOING TO

16 HAPPEN. THIS IS THE MOST CRITICAL PROBLEM YOU FACE IN THE

17 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND UNITED STATES. LOOK AT THE PEDOPHILE

18 FEELING OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. IT NEVER HAPPENED. IT DOESN'T

19 HAPPEN. IT WOULDN'T HAPPEN IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH WITH

20 PRIESTS. BULLSHIT! IT DOES HAPPEN, AND NOW WE KNOW IT, AND WE

21 DON'T KNOW AND THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT WAY TO TURN! THE

22 ARCHDIOCES OF BOSTON HAS \$55 MILLION IN LAWSUITS. THIS IS

23 HAPPENING AND YOU'VE GOT TO STOP IT AND YOU'VE GOT TO GET A

24 STUDY OF IT AND YOU'VE GOT TO STOP DISCRIMINATING AGAINST MEN!

25 AND WHAT IS THE SPARK THAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN, YOU'RE GOING TO



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1 HAVE DYNAMITE. WE HAD THE FIRING ON FORT SUMPNER THAT CAUSED
2 THE CIVIL WAR. WE HAD THE BOMBING OF PEARL HARBOR THAT CAUSED
3 US TO ENTER WORLD WAR II. BLOODY SUNDAY IN RUSSIA CAUSED THE
4 END OF THE ROMANOVs, THE FALL OF THE BASTILLE CAUSED THE END
5 OF THE FRENCH MONARCHY. IT IS HAPPENING, AND THE SPARK IS
6 GOING TO BLOW THE SITUATION WILD. OUR PATIENCE IS LIMITED.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SIR, I THINK YOUR TIME HAS
9 EXPIRED.

10

11 **JOHN STEFFAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WARREN WILLIAMS, AND THAT WILL BE OUR FINAL
14 SPEAKER. YES, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

15

16 **TERE TUCKER:** MY NAME IS TERE TUCKER AND I'M WITH THE CASTAIC
17 AREA TOWN COUNCIL, PARKS AND RECREATION CHAIR AND CASTAIC
18 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. I'M HERE TODAY TO PRESENT YOU WITH THESE
19 1,278 SIGNATURES THAT WE HAVE COLLECTED FROM THE VARIOUS
20 PEOPLE WHO VISITED CASTAIC LAKE RECREATION AREA OVER LABOR DAY
21 WEEKEND. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THESE VISITORS COME TO THE LAKE
22 FROM ALL OVER LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS WELL AS VENTURA COUNTY,
23 SAN BERNARDINO, RIVERSIDE, ORANGE COUNTIES, AND NOT JUST
24 DISTRICT 5. AS THESE SIGNATURES WILL SHOW, THERE ARE ALSO
25 PEOPLE HERE FROM KANSAS AND JAPAN THAT COME TO DO THE FISHING



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1 IN CASTAIC LAKE. WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED WITH THE IMPACT OF
2 THE RESIDENTS OF CASTAIC AND THE ENTIRE COUNTY THAT CLOSING
3 CASTAIC WOULD HAVE, AND WE ARE IMPLOING YOU TO PLEASE KEEP
4 CASTAIC LAKE AS A TOP PRIORITY ON YOUR AGENDAS. THE
5 IMPLICATIONS THAT WILL COME FROM CLOSING THIS LAKE ARE FAR
6 REACHING INTO EACH OF YOUR DISTRICTS. PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT
7 THERE ARE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT THE COUNTY AND THE STATE
8 RECEIVE FROM THE BUSINESSES IN CASTAIC LAKE. THE TWO BOATING
9 BUSINESSES ALONE PAY APPROXIMATELY \$500,000 EACH PER YEAR IN
10 TAX REVENUE. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE ALL THE GAS STATIONS, FAST
11 FOOD PLACES, MINI MARKETS, ALONG WITH THE RAFTS THAT ALSO PAY
12 COUNTY TAXES. THERE ARE ALSO BOATS SOLD IN ALL PARTS OF LOS
13 ANGELES COUNTY AND BEYOND, THERE'S BAIT, FISHING GEAR THAT
14 WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED IF CASTAIC LAKE IS CLOSED. WE WOULD LIKE
15 EACH OF YOU TO DO WHAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS DONE AND
16 ALLOCATE SOME OF YOUR DISCRETIONARY FUNDS TO KEEPING THE LAKE
17 OPEN WHILE THE STATE AND COUNTY WORK TO SOME AGREEMENT AS EVEN
18 A FEW DAYS CLOSED WOULD BE DEVASTATING TO THE COMMUNITY OF
19 CASTAIC. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SAY THAT WE BELIEVE THAT THE
20 COUNTY, STATE, THE TOWN COUNCIL, I PERSONALLY AS PARKS AND
21 RECREATION CHAIR, WITH OTHER VOLUNTEERS WOULD FORM A GROUP TO
22 WORK TOGETHER TO COME UP WITH SOME IDEAS TO FIND OTHER SOURCES
23 OF FUNDING TO KEEP THE LAKE OPEN AND HAVE IT MADE PROFITABLE.
24 PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW CASTAIC LAKE OR CASTAIC TO BE CLOSED FOR
25 EVEN A SECOND, AS OUR TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT SAID, IF YOU



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1 CLOSE THE LAKE, YOU'LL CLOSE THE TOWN. AGAIN WE WOULD LIKE TO
2 PUBLICLY THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR HIS ALLOCATION OF
3 FUNDS AND ALL THE SUPPORT HE'S GIVEN US IN KEEPING CASTAIC
4 OPEN. THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, AND THE DEPARTMENT, WE ARE WORKING
7 WITH SACRAMENTO IN DIALOGUE TO IDENTIFY AND GET LEGISLATION
8 APPROVED AND WE'VE HAD A EXTENSIVE EXECUTIVE SESSION LAST
9 WEEK, AND WE'RE GOING TO DISCUSS IT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TODAY
10 AS WELL.

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12 **TERE TUCKER:** WOULD YOU LIKE THESE PETITIONS?

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH.

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16 **TERE TUCKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HEARING ME.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WARREN WILLIAMS.

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22 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** YES. FIRST OF ALL SUPERVISOR BURKE, I WOULD
23 THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO COME BACK TO SPEAK ON THESE
24 ITEMS. IT'S BOTH 49 AND 48, WE ASK FOR RECONSIDERATION OF
25 THOSE ITEMS AS WELL AS 17, THE REASON BEING, AGAIN, THEY ALL



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1 ARE RELATED, BUT RECONSIDERATION BECAUSE THIS BOARD OFTEN DOES
2 NOT REALLY CONSIDER THE ITEMS IT APPEARS. WHAT I STATED
3 EARLIER WAS THAT ON ITEM NUMBER 48, YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT A
4 \$250,000 GRANT COMING FROM UNITED STATES JUSTICE DEPARTMENT,
5 AND THIS IS BASICALLY SAYING IS TO STOP INSIDE THE COMMUNITY
6 CRIME, THE USE OF GUNS, AND GANG-RELATED CRIMES. IN ITEM
7 NUMBER 49, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT APPARENTLY ALMOST \$8 MILLION,
8 SOMEWHERE IN THERE, AND IT'S THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ANTI-DRUG
9 ABUSE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM. INSIDE THE RESOLUTION, IT STATES
10 THAT WHEREAS THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CHARGE WERE PROVIDING
11 VITAL SERVICES FOR THE COURTS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND A DOZEN
12 JUVENILE JUSTICE, TO A POPULATION OF OVER 10 MILLION PEOPLE.
13 SUPERVISOR BURKE, EARLIER YOU WERE SAYING THAT THE COUNTY DOES
14 NOT HAVE CERTAIN AUTHORITY AND THINGS OVER THE COURTS, AND I
15 WAS SHARING WITH YOU THAT IT DOES HAVE CONTROL OVER THE SOCIAL
16 WORKERS AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND OF THE GRAND JURY AND
17 OTHER THINGS THAT OF COURSE DOES AFFECT THE COURT. MICHELLE
18 MENTIONED AN ATTORNEY BY THE NAME OF CODWELL. I ALSO HAD
19 EXPERIENCE WITH THAT ATTORNEY MYSELF, AND THE SAME CRIME THAT
20 HE DID FOR -- IN THEIR CASE FROM WHAT SHE DESCRIBED TO ME HE
21 DID IT TO ME, AND I FILED A 388 PETITION. HE ENDED UP FILING A
22 NEW 388 PETITION ALLEGING THAT I WOULD JUST ASK FOR VISITATION
23 TO MY SONS AND NOT THE CUSTODY THAT I WAS ENTITLED TO, AND
24 THAT'S WHAT THE COURT ADOPTED, SAYING THAT THEY THREW MY
25 PETITION OUT BY FORCING AN ATTORNEY ON ME TO MISREPRESENT ME.



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1 THE BEST ANTI-VIOLENT THING THAT WE CAN DO FOR OUR CHILDREN IS
2 LET THE CHILDREN HAVE THEIR FATHERS, LET THEM HAVE THEIR
3 PARENTS, TO HAVE A FAIR AND JUST SYSTEM, TO HAVE COMMON SENSE
4 COURTS, TO HAVE A GRAND JURY THAT PROPERLY INVESTIGATE THESE
5 COMPLAINTS. FOR THIS BOARD TO STOP FUNDING THE DEPARTMENT, FOR
6 THE BOARD TO START TAKING MORE ASSERTIVE EFFORTS AND
7 INVESTIGATE THESE COMPLAINTS THAT ARE RELATED TO THE ISSUES
8 THAT ARE BEING PRESENTED AND START DOWNPLAYING THAT PUBLIC
9 COMMENT REALLY HAS NO SUBSTANCE TO IT. THE BOARD HAS TO ALSO
10 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE ALLOWING US ON TO SPEAK EVERY THREE
11 MONTHS IS NOT EVEN REASONABLE. SO IT WILL BE A DETERRENT BY A
12 LOT OF PARENTS COMING DOWN HERE. SO HERE WE HAVE ALL OF THESE
13 ITEMS HERE, MAYBE ABOUT 800 PAGES, THAT WE TRY TO REVIEW AND
14 ARE SUPPOSED TO RESPOND TO. THE BOARD THEN GIVES THEM \$7
15 MILLION. FOR THEM TO DO WHAT? LAW ENFORCEMENT, WHILE IT
16 DESTROYS FAMILIES, TAKE PARENTS AWAY FROM CHILDREN, STIGMATIZE
17 THEM, NOT GIVING JUSTICE IN THE COURTS, STRESS THE PARENTS
18 OUT, THEN DO PATERNITY FRAUD AND ALL THE OTHER INJUSTICES.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR.
21 WILLIAMS.

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23 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** CONCLUDING IS IS THAT WE HAVE, AGAIN, A
24 GENTLEMAN RUNNING ON THE FATHER'S ISSUES PLATFORM, WARREN
25 FARRELL, AND THIS COUNTY IS MANDATED TO LOOK OUT FOR HEALTH



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1 ISSUES. THIS COUNTY IS NOT RUNNING FOR AN OFFICE. ALL OF YOU
2 ARE ALREADY IN OFFICE, AND ALL OF YOU HAVE MY EVIDENCE.
3 PELLMAN YOU HAVE IT. I'VE SUBMITTED THINGS TO JANSSEN BEFORE,
4 ASKED CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO REALLY HELP THE PROCESS
5 OF WHAT'S BEING FUNDED. COUNTY COUNSEL INVOLVED HIMSELF IN MY
6 CASE, WHICH WAS AGAINST THE LAW, COVERING UP EVIDENCE,
7 DIRECTING SOCIAL WORKERS OF WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO COVER UP.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT MR. WILLIAMS, YOUR TIME HAS
10 ELAPSED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I THINK THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC
11 COMMENT.

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13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
14 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS
16 CS-1, CS-2, AND CS-3, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
17 EXISTING LITIGATION; ITEM CS-4, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
18 REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE; ITEM
19 CS-5, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
20 OFFICER, DAVID E. JANSSEN AND DESIGNATED STAFF; AND ITEM CS-6
21 AND CS-7, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT
22 EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, TWO SEPARATE CASES, AS INDICATED ON
23 THE POSTED AGENDA AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED**

2 **SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2003**

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4 The following action is being reported as a result of the
5 Board of Supervisors' Closed Session held today:

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7 CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

8 (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9) County of
9 Los Angeles, et al. v. State Water Resources Control Board, et
10 al., San Diego Superior Court Case No. GIC 804773.

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12 This is a lawsuit filed by the County of Los Angeles and Los
13 Angeles County Flood Control District challenging the adoption
14 of regulations affecting daily discharge loads in the Los
15 Angeles River and Ballona Creek and Wetland.

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17 Action Taken:

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19 The Board approved settlement of the County and the Flood
20 Control District's lawsuit against the Regional Water Quality
21 Control Board challenging the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)
22 for trash in the Los Angeles River, Ballona Creek and the
23 Ballona Creek wetland.

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1 The Board also authorized County Counsel to execute the
2 settlement agreement on behalf of the County and the Flood
3 Control District.

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5 The vote of the Board was:

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7 Supervisor Molina: Aye;

8 Supervisor Yaroslavsky: Aye;

9 Supervisor Knabe: No;

10 Supervisor Antonovich: No;

11 Sup. Burke: Aye.

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